

WHITE EMPIRE

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For my wife, who never believed in me

INTRODUCTION

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As an introduction, my name is Indrajit Samarajiva, I am a random Sri Lankan blogger. I have no qualification beyond curiosity and no publisher beyond myself. My screen name is indi.ca. Send bugs to indi@indi.ca.

I have been sitting on this text for over a year and I am finally getting off the pot. I can't even be asked to read this whole thing myself, I dunno what you're doing here, but here we are.

This is a collection of barely edited blog posts about the White Empire. What is that?

Read the book.

PART I

NAMES

“Oh, I have so many names,” said the Devil to his son. “Just call me dad.”

— DEVIL’S ADVOCATE

1. THE WRECKING OF NAMES

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If he ever got power (which he never did) Confucius said his first priority would be the ‘rectification of names’. Like a boor, I never quite understood this. As *The Analects* 13.3 says:

ZILU

If the Duke of Wei were to employ you to serve in the government of his state, what would be your first priority?

MASTER KONG (CONFUCIUS)

It would, of course, be the rectification of names (正名/zhèngmíng).

Could you, Master, really be so far off the mark? Why worry about rectifying names?”

How boorish you are, Zilu! When it comes to matters that he does not understand, the gentleman should remain silent.

I felt like Zilu (Master Kong’s usual rhetorical punching bag) because I simply didn’t understand the point. Even when the master explained:

If names are not rectified, speech will not accord with reality; when speech does not accord with reality, things will not be successfully accomplished.

When things are not successfully accomplished, ritual practice and music will fail to flourish; when ritual and music fail to flourish, punishments and penalties will miss the mark.

And when punishments and penalties miss the mark, the common people will be at a loss as to what to do with themselves.

This is why the gentleman only applies names that can be properly spoken and assures that what he says can be properly put into action.

The gentleman simply guards against arbitrariness in his speech. That is all there is to it.

This ritual programming was thought to actually work, and in a deep sense they were right. Words *do* have power, be it through laws, edicts, signatures, birth certificates, passports, computer programs, etc. We think of rituals as these archaic things, but we *still* use them for inaugurating governments, for marking birth and death, for all the most important things in life.

In the westernized world we have indeed gotten names wrong, in the sense that you and I have them. Modern passport names are a historical anomaly, an artifact of the individualist age. Confucius talked about *roles* (lords being good lords, fathers being good fathers) and not about the ‘self-actualization’ of the person in the role, whatever the fuck that is. Buddhism talks about ‘not-self’, making the modern perversion of mindfulness into ‘self-help’ quite the contradiction. Older Asian and Arab cultures are full of referential names (Son of X, elder brother) and in many cases people never use their government names at all. Cause they ain’t right. This globalized

culture has gotten names wrong, so it gets rituals wrong, so the common people don't know what the fuck to do and resort to self-help that doesn't help. Because it can't help. It's all starting from bad assumptions. The first step really would be the rectification of names.

In our current hubris, our reaction to the ancients is horror and a superiority complex. They had *empires*, they had *slaves*, they *conquered*, they had barbaric punishments, they believed in dumb invisible shit. But then look at us.

We live under an undifferentiated White Empire, flowing directly from European colonial powers through the colony of America today. But we don't call it that. It hides under a web of names like NATO, or 'rules-based order', or 'developed world'. Yet it's the most violent military empire in history, which girds the world with both violence and economic coercion, tribute rendered by every state in the form of petrodollars. Yet we don't even perceive it because it has no name.

In the tomb inscriptions of ancient Egypt, those rich enough to afford marble and false doors, proudly proclaimed all the people they'd killed and slaves they'd taken. Like Weni The Elder around -2200, who served under three pharaohs and got a prime spot in the necropolis. There you can still read it written:

WENI THE ELDER

This army returned in safety,

It had ravaged the Sand-dwellers' land.

This army returned in safety,

It had flattened the sand-dwellers' land.

This army returned in safety,

It had sacked its strongholds.

This army returned in safety,

It had cut down its figs, its vines.

This army returned in safety,

It had thrown fire in all its mansions.

This army returned in safety,

It had slain its troops by many ten thousands.

This army returned in safety,

[It had carried] off many [troops] as captives.

His majesty praised me for it beyond anything.

His majesty sent me to lead this army five times, to attack the land of the Sand-dwellers as often as they rebelled, with these troops.

I acted so that his majesty praised me [for it beyond anything].

VIA "ANCIENT EGYPTIAN LITERATURE"
TRANSLATED BY MIRIAM LICHTHEIM

We think them barbaric and cruel, but are we so different? American armies have sacked *the same places* as these Egyptians, 'flattening the sand-dwellers land' with a brutality the ancients couldn't imagine. Israelis colonize the same land, cutting down its figs, its vines, obliterating entire villages. The White Empire's wars of terror have killed millions and displaced tens of millions. The latter become desperate 'labor' as good as slaves without papers. Indeed, after NATO 'intervention' (another wrong name), open slave markets appeared in Libya.

Whereas ancient slaves at least got freed periodically or could work off their debts, today slavery is forever, and not just at the cutting edge of empire. Modern Americans at the core live their entire lives in medical debt, student debt, credit card debt, even student lunch debt. And they can *never* work it off, they die in debt, they are *forever* wage slaves. Not to mention the millions of incarcerated people who actually are slaves, working for cents that they have to

spend on overpriced potato chips and phone calls sold to a literally captive audience. Of course the people at the edges of Empire have it the worst, unable to either control their resources or move to where the control is. We're all as enslaved as ever, just with longer chains.

Like the Empire itself, this all hides under false names. Names like 'free markets' (without free movement of labor) or 'democracy' (without any economic control). Tolstoy called these emerging condition 'the slavery of our times' in the 1900s, and it continues still.

Today way we think we're above feudalism while working on literal corporate fiefs that control our movement (migration), access to resources (healthcare, food), and even access to our own children and elders (we need *leave* to care for children and permission for bereavement). We use names like *democracy* to cover what is really just naked rule by the rich (oligarchy). We elect the sons of former Presidents while scorning kings and fill universities with 'legacy' admissions while scorning nepotism. We have a 'free' press literally owned and manipulated by the rich. It's all, for lack of a better word, bullshit.

We have names wrong, the rituals go uncondacted, the dead go unfed and even scorned, and so things fall apart. People can feel it and look for help *anywhere*—in conspiracy theories, in cobbled together bits of ancient wisdom, in drugs, in food, in shopping, and it never satisfies. It can't satisfy. It doesn't matter how high you build an edifice if the foundations are rotten. Indeed, it makes things worse.

This hubris has become completely cataclysmic when these people dug up the graves of even more ancient lifeforms, the photosynthetic life that first captured the power of the sun god, of Ra. This is the far more advanced civilization which terraformed the Earth over billions of years, and we defile their graves and burn their bodies for petty miracles like cars. Our inheritance is the curse written above every tomb.

Here's a bit from Pharaoh Unas, in the Pyramid Texts from around -2350. Among the oldest known religious texts in the world, and a

curse upon the civilization that raided these tombs and gawk at their own crimes in museums.

As for any man who enters this tomb
unclean,

I shall seize him by the neck like a bird,

He will be judged for it by the great god!

PHAROAH UNAS, VIA LICHTHEIM

We think we're better than the gods, we think we're better than the dead, and so we end up godless, dead, and perhaps worst of all utterly confused as to how we got here. The language we have, the words we use, the media we consume, the laws that bind, they're all wrong. And it starts from names. We have names all wrong.

As Master Kong said

If names are not rectified, speech will not
accord with reality; when speech does not
accord with reality, things will not be
successfully accomplished.

And so here we are.

2. THE MANY NAMES OF WHITE EMPIRE

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The crazy thing about living under the largest, most rapacious empire the world has ever known is how little we know about it. It doesn't even have a name.

The White Empire masquerades as **the rules-based order**. Whose rule? Never answered. It calls itself the **international community**, which always seems to be white people or their fuckbois. The White Empire hides behind the fig leaf of Japan and South Korea. Beneath is the naked presence of thousands of imperial troops there, still occupying. They used to call themselves the **G8**, until they got mad at Russia and made it **G7**. They call themselves the **industrialized world** (never mind that most industry is in the South) or the **developed world** (never mind that we developed them). These are all just synonyms for the Empire that has no name. The White Empire. It just disappears into history, in the present, it is simply the walls we are held within.

The White Empire is the irrepressible cancer that came from peninsular West Asia spread on boats everywhere. It was the Portuguese, the Spanish, the Dutch, the French, the Dutch the British, the Americans, the Canadians, the Australians. Then those savage people turned on each other, destroying their own homeland in two world wars. Then the Americans took over the mantle of empire from the

British, occupying Britain's bases, Europe, Japan, and never laying down its arms, ever. It contains many different nations with different names and flags, but those are all fig leaves over one power. To those of us who have been colonized, it is all one undifferentiated White Empire.

The greatest trick this devil ever pulled was convincing the world it didn't exist. Nobody calls America an empire despite them having over 800 military bases and actively killing people somewhere, all the time. Nobody connects America and Europe and its vassals as one militarily and financially cohesive empire, we just mindlessly call it the G7 and never question what these fuckers are meeting about.

We live in a world where people can say 'rules-based order' on TV and never question why the US hasn't even ratified the Law of the Sea, like everybody else. We live in a world where people keep producing graphs showing white nations as the best in everything, even managing COVID-19, even after they genocidally mismanaged COVID-19. We live in a world where certain countries are called 'industrialized' while importing everything from the southern factories. We live in a world where some countries are called 'developed' despite their societies crumbling into COVID, ill-health, debt peonage, and drug-fueled despair.

The second greatest trick Empire ever pulled was getting people to think White is a race. Brown is not a race. Neither is yellow. Black is only a race in its hostage situation within the White Empire. White was the stitching together of warring people from West Asia into some brand of White™ that had the opportunity, nay the duty, to take from everybody else. It was the white man's *burden*, really, as Kipling put it.

White is a description of social hierarchy in an imperial system that spans the world. White is actually a very fluid category. As OJ Simpson said, "I'm not black, I'm OJ." As Jay-Z responded, "OK." What he really meant was that he was White. As Noel Ignatiev documents, Irish people and Italians weren't considered white early last century, but now an Irishman is President. Slavs weren't considered white

(especially by Hitler), but now Ukrainians are honorary Europeans. Brown people were coolies, but now we're Prime Ministers. As you can see, White is the fluid imperial caste system which hides behind a color. If you look at the paint on the walls, you can see it's still dripping.

These are the walls we live within. I say we because *everyone* on this planet is affected by the two hallmarks of any empire. Military and financial control. There is nowhere on this planet untouched by American wars and coups and constant election hijacking. There is nowhere on this world where you can escape the petrodollar. By any historical terms, this is *the* empire, but in the moment we don't see it. Largely because it is so powerful. It's like asking a fish "*how's the water?*"

"*What's water?*"

When I say there's no name for this colossus, I mean there's literally no name. White Empire is a term I made up, and I'm read by a few thousand people. People say '**American Empire**', but it sounds off, or '**The West**', but then there's Australia. We have all these ways of naming the thing that shall not be named, but no name for it. It is in fact the greatest trick of power. This is the only Empire built on *not* proclaiming its name, and in this subtlety, it has found the greatest power.

I name it not to shame it or tame it or even home to lame it. It is a colossus and you and I are just bugs in the historical rug. Me pointing out the color of the walls is as useless as it would be to an ant. As this colossus totters and falls, we're either going to get squashed or not, and it's just a matter of luck. I name the thing just because names are important.

Confucius said the "*rectification of names*" would be his first priority if he got power, which befuddled his disciple Zilu. Master Kong said "*How boorish you are, Zilu! If names are not rectified, speech will not accord with reality; when speech does not accord with reality, things will not be successfully accomplished.*" Master Kong—one of the greatest

sages of his time—never got power. His words are revered but not followed still. And yet names do matter.

The vital point these days is not that the Empire has no clothes. This is increasingly obvious. The point is that this Empire even exists, and to try and throw a blanket over its invasive invisibility with by naming it. The White Empire. Not a race, not a flag, just the money and guns that run the world, and the social hierarchy that benefits from it. There are many names for White Empire, but my point is to simply call it *something*.

3. HOW WHITE EMPIRE IS A THING

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I call the US, Canada, UK, EU, Australia *et al* one White Empire because that's exactly what they are. The outer edge of whiteness is the capital colonies of Japan, divided Korea, and military bases like the UAE. Everybody else effectively lives in provinces, including me in Sri Lanka, color-couped or just couped whenever Empire feels like it. Only a few countries are actually outside the Empire, most of them under constant sanctions, which is the white word for sieges.

Because Empire is so often thrown out as an epithet, let me start with etymology. What the word means, at least within the context of this reading.

What Is Empire? (Baby Don't Hurt Me)

As Stephen Howe says in *Empire: A Very Short Introduction*:

“A great deal of the world's history is the history of empires. Indeed it could be said that all history is imperial — or colonial — history, if one takes a broad enough definition and goes far enough back.”

If all of world history is the history of empires, it would be a bit of an outlier to say that this period we live in **isn't**. Empire, however, is a big, baggy definition, so let's try and tighten it up a little bit.

Let's say that empires are:

1 Big

“Empires, then, must by definition be big, and they must be composite entities, formed out of previously separate units. Diversity — ethnic, national, cultural, often religious — is their essence. But in many observers' understanding, that cannot be a diversity of equals.”

2 Loose

“Empires always involve a mixture of direct and indirect rule. The central power has ultimate sovereignty, and exercises some direct control, especially over military force and money-raising powers, in all parts of its domain.”

3 Cliquish

“Most analysts, then, seem to agree that an empire is formed, most often by conquest, out of a dominant ‘core’ and a dominated, often economically exploited ‘periphery’.”

This is still very baggy, but good enough. Let's apply it to current history and see how it fits.

Conquest

As Howe said, “*empire is formed, most often by conquest,*” and American control of White Empire was forged in World War II.

As Supreme Allied Commander (of the lesser, western front), Dwight

D. Eisenhower conquered much of Europe, became commander of NATO, and then rode back to the American Presidency.

So far this isn't merely like ancient empire formation, it's the exact same thing. Just call him Dwight Caesar. When he crossed the 'the pond' it was like Gaius Julius crossing Rubicon. Power was taken from the English by the Americans.

Consolidation

And at the beginning this was a more obvious empire. America occupied Germany, Japan, and part of Korea directly. They also inherited/shared numerous imperial bases like Diego Garcia. Like every empire this was supposed to be for those countries own good, but yeah, that's what they all say. What's telling is that this occupation never stopped. It just blended into the background.

Since World War II, America controlled imperial military forces through NATO, and monetary forces through the Bretton-Woods agreement and the financial system it built. That is to say "*The central power has ultimate sovereignty, and exercises some direct control, especially over military force and money-raising powers, in all parts of its domain.*"

Control

And thus today we are left with a big, loose, clique that I call, collectively, White Empire. In case you think it just doesn't exist anymore, behold recent invasions of Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, current tensions with Russia, and ongoing economic sieges of Venezuela, Cuba, Syria, Afghanistan, North Korea, etc.

The United States *still* has troops in Japan, Korea, and Germany, and their troop presence has expanded to British levels, ie fucking everywhere. There's basically only four countries that do not have some level of US troop presence, and many places have a *lot*.

This is obviously a *big, loose* empire, with a core *clique* of white nations (the US, UK, Europe, Australia, etc), and outer periphery of colorish ‘protectorates’ (Japan, South Korea, Israel, Saudi Arabia) and everyone else that has to live under economic hegemony. And yet there seems to be an element of choice here. Or at least the choice not to see it. Why do most countries ‘choose’ to live this way?

Well, look at the countries that don’t. If you defy America (like Iran) they’ll make sure your great-grandchildren don’t get medicine. All of America’s eternal sieges seem pointless until you see them as an example to everyone else.

White Empire’s reach, today, includes the ability to kill almost anyone anywhere, to arrest anyone almost anywhere (Julian Assange in the UK, and a Huawei executive in Canada), and of course to call everyone else a threat if they act remotely the same.

Calling In The Banners

ROBB STARK

Call the banners.

MAESTER LUWIN

All of them, my Lord?

They’ve all sworn to defend my father, have they not?

They have.

Now we’ll see what the words are worth.

Today as for-fucking ever, the central definition of empire is whether your banners come when called. Whether you can summon troops on demand. And America has shown that it has that power across the core of the White Empire.

From Afghanistan to Iraq to Libya to wars of aggression across the world, countries from Australia to the UK to Germany to even South Korea and Norway have put men and materiel on the line.

That power may be waning (ie, not everybody seems on board with the new Cold War with China), but it's still there, and so, therefore is empire.

The other vital definition of empire is whether you have monetary control, and as America has shown with its ability to freeze billions of dollars in *Afghanistan's own money*, it still has that power. It used it to block Venezuela from getting vaccines *it had already paid for*, and it smaller ways to terrorize everybody else that remains within empire's loose, baggy confines.

And so this is how the current White Empire, with its capital moved from London to Washington, still rules the world. A world history *without* empire would honestly be unusual, and what's invisible in the present will be visible to the future. Today we live at a unique historical moment when empire is obviously breaking, and you can see the outlines of what was previously invisible.

That is why I give what is usually called 'the West' or 'developed' nations or G7 nations or 'anglosphere' nations or 'rich nations' or just 'the international community' another name. The White Empire.

4. THE INVISIBLE WHITE EMPIRE

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Today we live under an invisible empire that is obvious only if you open your eyes. Just look around. What else do you call something that has over 800 military bases, wages constant wars, and maintains financial control of much of the world? The crazy thing is that we call this *nothing*. This is the invisible White Empire. Like white paint, it just fades into the background.

Again, in his loose, baggy, definition of empire, Stephen Howe says, “*The central power has ultimate sovereignty, and exercises some direct control, especially over military force and money-raising powers, in all parts of its domain.*”

By all historical definitions, America absolutely is an empire, but we in the moment somehow *don't know it*. We're like bugs in a rug, ignorant of the greater tapestry. We're like bugs in a rug, getting *squashed*.

How America Conquered Britain

The British Empire was a clearly defined empire, and that was literally handed over after World War II. Britain handed over access to most of its military bases and—through *Lend-Lease* and then *Bretton-Woods*—global financial control. As Howe said, military and money are the two legs empire stands on, and the British White

Empire just changed heads. The capitol of capital simply moved to America.

Aw shucks Americans don't call themselves an empire though. People today will honestly ask what America has ever colonized, ignoring *America*. Not to mention Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the Phillipines, and those are just the obvious ones. Less obviously to us (but not history) are the huge military bases in South Korea, Japan, Germany, the Middle East, all effectively conquered territory in the eyes of any ancient satrap, obvious boots on the ground that have just become furniture.

World War II is the important moment when this all really happened. It's when White Empire got handed over from the British to the American, legally, physically, and somehow invisibly. It was literally a war for the world and we act like the Americans just came in, helped out, and went home. But just look around. They never left. It was a war of world conquest, and *we remain conquered*. While the USSR killed the most Nazis by far, America effectively won WWII *against its allies* most of all.

After World War II America physically occupied much of the Pacific, Germany, Japan, and took over the British military outposts that encircle the globe. This all sits there in plain sight, and is just as plainly ignored. While the USSR ground up 80% of the Nazi army (what Clausewitz called the only point of war), America ran around largely pointless theatres like North Africa and the Middle East collecting territory. The USSR did the most to win WWII, but the Americans won the greatest *spoils*.

As Andrei Martyanov says in his book *Losing Military Supremacy*, "*Preserving its Empire superseded Britain's concern with bearing a fair share of the Allied war effort, and seeing the Nazis, with whom many in the British elite had sympathy, bleed the USSR, was not an anathema.*"

Many people within the US military establishment (which was not so established then) resisted this. Churchill's insistence on campaigns in the Balkans and North Africa were well-nigh useless in terms of

destroying Nazis, but were very useful in terms of securing oil wealth, the root of modern imperial power. As Martyanov quotes:

In 1943, the Western Allies held their conference in Casablanca. It was there at Casablanca that General Stanley Embick of Marshall's OPD, a man who already had been a serious advocate for the earliest American commitment to European Theater at the ABC-1 conferences, circulated a memorandum in which he expressed the consensus of the US Army and War Department that since April 1942

America had been led down the "primrose path" by Britain's "agreement in principle" to Overlord; that under the cover of these agreements the British, satisfied with stalemate of the Eastern Front, pursued a traditional balance-of-power strategy aimed solely at preserving the Empire and British interests in a post war world... British designs in the Balkans and the Mediterranean... were not war measures against Germany, but aimed at checking the Soviet advance into these regions."

Memorandums aside, nobody remembered the fate of all empires. The spoils were just too good. All of the land, all of the territory, all of the power of the previous white empires, that was the inheritance of World War II. America physically occupied much of the world. We act like we're in a post-war era, but the truth is that the Americans *never* drew down. It's not that they briefly occupied the world 80 years ago. *They still do.*

Don't take my word for it. Just imagine you're some ancient satrap dropped into the present and shown this map of military occupation. What else would you even call this but Empire? The American empire even looks like it's still centered around Mesopotamia. This is just empire, unless you're in it, in which case it's somehow invisible.

Whereas ancient empires made a big deal out of proclaiming their greatness, the White Empire has figured out the greatest trick of all. The devil's trick. Convincing the world you don't exist at all.

The Conquest Of Capitalism

We have been talking about one leg of empire—the military one. Now let me kick the other one out. To get to the tootsie-roll center of empire, just follow the money. The greatest power of White Empire under the Americans is that everyone—including its enemies—has to hold dollars, especially to trade in the oil that they militarily secured. This purchasing of American currency is just imperial tribute by another name, enabling it to fund its military and occasionally bail out its population.

Michael Hudson documents American financial power throughly in his book Super Imperialism, which I'll briefly quote here. He said:

When President Truman insisted, on March 23, 1946, that “World trade must be restored — and it must be restored to private enterprise,” this was a way of saying that its regulation must be taken away from foreign governments that might be tempted to try to recover their prewar power at the expense of U.S. exporters and investors. America’s laissez-faire stance promoted the United States as the center of a world system vastly more extensive and centralized, yet also more flexible, less costly and less bureaucratic than Europe’s imperial systems had been.

What America calls a ‘rules-based order’ and ‘laissez faire’ economics is really *their* rule and letting them *faire*. The United States literally does not subscribe to the international criminal court or the law of the sea. ‘Rules-based order’ just means rule. ‘Free and open markets’ are for other countries to open up *for* them. America imposes tons of

sanctions and tariffs on whoever it feels like, and heavily subsidizes local industries, including agriculture, arms dealers, and technology.

Their well-funded economic priesthood is just doing what imperial priests throughout history have always done. Waving some incense, making some incantations, and coming up with some inscrutable reasons why an invisible hand is taking your shit, and how it's for your own good. As my upcoming history book would be called, **Same Shit, Different Day**. There's nothing new under the sun.

What the US couldn't do by corrupting local capitalist elites in the 'post' war era, it did by attacking socialist governments that tried to take financial control. When oil-producing countries nationalized those resources in the 1970s, the US used financial rather than military power, letting them earn dollars but having them invest that money right back into imperial countries.

As William Glenn Gray wrote, *“when the oil exporters began to shift from short-term bank deposits to medium-term bond purchases, they favoured the industrial nations by a huge margin: France, Japan, the US and even (unwisely) Britain.”*

As I wrote, *“of the original five OPEC members (Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela), two are sanctioned, one has been invaded, and the others are occupied with American military bases. Hell, the headquarters of OPEC is in Austria now.”*

After the brief resource rebellion of the 1970s, the Empire struck back hard. It used both legs of empire to stomp the rest of the world down. If you want a picture of the present, imagine *both* military boots and banker brogues stamping on a human face, seemingly forever.

Cracks In The Invisible Empire

But as Nas said, nothing ever lasts forever. America should have learned from the overextension of previous incarnations of White Empire, but the money, the power, it was just too good. There was significant American resistance to getting involved with external

European shit (after having profitably genocided their own continent) in World War I, but then those violent tribes started World War II and America just couldn't resist. As Sil said in *The Sopranos* (imitating Al Pacino), *"just when I thought I was out, they pulled me back in."*

America's inheritance of White Empire was the ultimate, inexorable inheritance of loss. Only a fool would say when the reigning empire will fall, but only a greater fool would say never. Every empire overextends itself militarily, financially, and then collapses under its own weight. America has lost every war for decades, is mired in debt, and could not resist even an uncommon cold in COVID-19. It's days are numbered and, honestly, it's already dead. It's just taking the signal a while to reach their brains.

IMHO, historians will date the fall of the American empire to 9/11, when its symbolic military and financial centers were defiled (the Pentagon and the World Trade Center). This historical period will be bookended by January 6th, 2021, when a mob of barbarians sacked The Capitol, the one target that Bin Laden missed.

But I'm not historian, I'm just a poor schmuck on the edges of empire. My country Sri Lanka followed the White Empire earnestly after the 1970s, floating on 'aid' and then imperial bank loans. We died in a western debt trap, not a Chinese one. Now it has all collapsed and, as I've written, we're just the canaries in the coal mine. The whole invisible empire that we all live under is collapsing. Sri Lanka was just the first to go. So many countries are in western, capitalist debt traps. Including America itself.

Like the black hole at the center of our universe, the American empire is invisible unless you actually measure anything, in which case it's suddenly obvious. All of the bases, all of the blood, all of the money. Follow it all back to the source and you cannot unsee the invisible White Empire, sucking everything in, before it finally explodes.

5. HOW COLONIZERS CHANGED WORDS AND KEPT COLONIZING

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Words change but the deeds stay dirty. The latest language of colonialism is ‘authoritarians’ vs ‘democracies’, because you can’t say ‘oriental despots’ or ‘civilized’ anymore. You can’t say that a religion is superior anymore, but you can say that a *system of governance* is superior. But this essay is not about blame, it’s about names. Herein, I’ll interrogate what ‘you’ and the system really is, behind the lying tyranny of names.

Dreading Democracy

Today they can’t be going on Crusades cause they worship only money. But they’re still want the resources and are waging even more brutal Carbon Crusades. But they can’t come out and say that. So they say, instead of Christianity, they’re spreading secular values, like Democracy™ and Freedom©. In truth, the only value is shareholder value, as it has been from the Dutch East India Company to Black-Rock today. As my historical thesis goes, same shit different day. **The lie changes but the truth stays the same.**

The trick of colonialism is to distract you into debating the justification while they do the injustice. Like any malicious magician, it’s all about distraction. Watch what they’re doing and not what they’re

saying, or they'll trick you every time. That's why it's important to remember that the colonizers are always *lying*. We should have learned this 400 years ago, before they ruined the whole clime. Always follow the money, not the media. Always follow the hands, and trust your own eyes.

Whether the White Empire has its capital in London or Washington is largely irrelevant. Whether it administers through VoC armies or IMF bureaucrats is irrelevant too. The capital of what I call the White Empire is and always will be **capital**, from the IPO of the VoC in 1604 to BlackRock today.

I know because my people been colonized for four hundred years, we're still colonized, and I'm telling you, you're colonized too. My country (Sri Lanka) was impoverished to make VoC bond-holders richer, and now they're doing the same thing for sovereign bond holders. The words have changed, but as with any pickpocket, watch what the hands do. They (it) used to openly call Slavs, Asians, and Africans savage and uncivilized in order to loot them, now they just say 'authoritarian' and 'developing' to the same effect. This sounds normal to people within the Empire today, but remember that 'savage' and 'uncivilized' used to be perfectly normal too.

If you look at the normal actions of the White Empire, they still extract cheap labor from us via debt, they still divide and conquer by corrupting our elites, and the IMF (always headed by a European) swoops in to 'restructure' us, taking control as much as any old colonial administrator. It's all framed as being for our own good, but *colonialism was always framed as being for our own good*. There's nothing new under the sun. It's the same old exploitation in different packaging. That's all the new words are. Marketing.

Bloody Business

Beneath the bullshit marketing, corporate shareholders are *always* helping themselves. Look at the balance sheets, not the bullshit. Whether it's stealing tropical solar power or stealing middle-eastern

oil, it's always about grabbing energy, resources, and labor with one hand and extracting profit with the other. A corporation is (quite legally) an artificial person and *that's all they're programmed to do*. Maximize shareholder value. Everything else is just marketing for rubes. As the modern priest (economist) Milton Friedman said (via Joel Bakan's *The Corporation*):

Friedman thinks that corporations are good for society (and that too much government is bad). He recoils, however, at the idea that corporations should try to do good for society. “A corporation is the property of its stockholders,” he told me. “Its interests are the interests of its stockholders. Now, beyond that should it spend the stockholders’ money for purposes which it regards as socially responsible but which it cannot connect to its bottom line? The answer I would say is no.” There is but one “social responsibility” for corporate executives, Friedman believes: they must make as much money as possible for their shareholders. This is a moral imperative. Executives who choose social and environmental goals over profits — who try to act morally — are, in fact, immoral.

There is, however, one instance when corporate social responsibility can be tolerated, according to Friedman — when it is insincere. The executive who treats social and environmental values as means to maximize shareholders’ wealth — not as ends in themselves — commits no wrong. It's like “putting a good-looking girl in front of an automobile to sell an automobile,” he told me. “That's not in order to promote pulchritude. That's in order to sell cars.”

It's important to understand *who* colonialism was. It wasn't kings and queens or racist white people in general (though they were certainly involved). It was *corporations*. Corporations are simply AI

programmed to optimize one thing and one thing only. Profit. Everything else is just marketing, which is the corporate word for lying.

The very first IPO was the Dutch East India Company. This was a far more important advance in AI than ChatGPT. This century's advances are mere party tricks compared with a limited-liability algorithm that literally took over the world and enslaved people centuries ago. The profits from those colonial companies still eclipse anything made today.

The first stock markets were purpose built with limited liability for corporate beings and slavery, wage slavery, and death for every other life form. Now look around at who actually pays your 'democratic' politicians and judges, who actually owns the 'free' press and what's actually going on. Now understand why I put ™ and © next to these words. They're marketing taglines, nothing more.

We cannot take these words at face value. We need to feel for the corporate hand in our pocket and the debt noose around our neck, not listen to the sweet nothings in our ear. What economists call the 'invisible hand' is just sleight of hand, that's all it is. As they said in Wolf Of Wall Street:

Mark Hanna: The name of the game; move the money from the client's pocket into your pocket.

Jordan: Right. But, if you can make your clients money at the same time it's advantageous to everyone, correct?

Mark Hanna: No.

Corporate AI

Calls to 'eat the rich' miss the point of *who* is the active agent here. If you remove a 'wolf' from Wall Street, there are still plenty of wolves in wool suits. It's strictly business, nothing personal. If you remove a

CEO or shareholders or eat a billionaire, the system will just produce another one. The system is *programmed* to produce another one.

'The system' we're talking about is Capitalism, and its problems are *systemic* problems. Understanding Capitalism in terms of its human parts is incorrect. Capitalism is what it says on the tin, it's about capital. What is this capital? One definition is "*those durable produced goods that are in turn used as productive inputs for further production.*" That is, **reproducing machines**. It's another species of 'artificial' life, which just happens to include human beings like so many nuts and bolts. Viewed bloodlessly, corporations are cybernetic systems which include human parts, and those parts are the most interchangeable. This is actually nothing new evolutionarily. Your body contains more microbial DNA than 'you' DNA. For all we know, mitochondria call us something dismissive like 'artificial' and don't acknowledge our 'intelligence' at all.

In legal fact, the 'artificial personhood' of corporations has been well-established for centuries. They already have the right to 'speak', act, influence elections, and already write the legislation that binds us. They also have 'limited' liability, as mentioned. Unlike humans who get thrown in jail for killing or stealing, corporations get a slap on the invisible wrist for mass crimes like wage theft or environmental poisoning.

Despite the very legal reality of artificial personhood, we scrupulously ignore corporate AI in our daily lives. It's the most invisible part of the invisible empire we slave under. We're a bunch of debt slaves acting like we're masters because our corporate overlords don't 'look' like us. We're forever waiting for something that looks like a fuckable robot to acknowledge that AI walks among us. But it already does and has been fucking us for generations. Corporations are AI, and they rule the world already.

That's who's picking our collective pockets. Corporations are the artificial persons moving resources and labor from our pockets to theirs. Blaming the comprador (sell-out) class of human shareholders and bilious billionaires is satisfying, but it's ultimately a distraction from

the big biological shift going on. The natural world is dying precisely because the artificial is being born.

Words like countries, races, and citizens are also not true. These are all consolation prizes while the great game is and always was money; borderless, colorless, and inhuman. If you understand the ‘who’ to be corporate AI with comprador parts, then a lot of other words start to fall apart and you can see the world as it is. Infinite growth for them, and a very finite ending for us.

I’ve digressed into the ‘who’ question because it’s not a digression. The words don’t make sense until you realize they *don’t need to make sense*. They’re just garbage spit out by a machine learning algorithm to get a certain result, and in that sense they work exactly as intended.

Today we feed masses of data (words) to machine learning models and are terrified that it’s ‘becoming intelligent’. But these are really parlor tricks. We have been feeding entire populations and planet(s) to corporate algorithms for *hundreds of years*, and this form of machine learning has already learned how to rule the world. It uses words like democracy, freedom, race, and citizenship mindlessly, in the sense that it doesn’t care what these words ‘mean’ but only that they produce results. And, I mean, look around. The natural world is literally on fire while the stock market keeps going up. We like to think that we’re *categorically* smarter than corporations, but this is dangerously delusional. As Forrest Gump said, *stupid is as stupid does*.

Words Like Violence

*“Words like violence break the silence,
Come crashing in into my little world...
Words are very unnecessary,
They can only do harm.”*

— DEPECHE MODE

The important thing to understand about words is that they're completely *unimportant* to the AI that rules us. Just as ChatGPT doesn't particular care about the data it's fed, Capitalism (née Colonialism) doesn't care about the words it uses to justify its predations. Just that the predation continues. Debating what these words mean is like asking a fisherman what bait tastes like. Who cares? It works, doesn't it?

Just as OpenAI fed Reddit into ChatGPT, the global comprador class fed entire political systems into corporate AI. Now it quite capably produces whatever political gibberish is needed to keep the energy flowing (to itself). It writes speeches, laws, and a death sentence for the squishy planet while we think ourselves superior. Meanwhile, we tie ourselves in knots debating abstractions like male/female, black/white, east/west, while the corporate AI gets to straight to the point. *Tying us in knots.*

Natural life is in rapid decline while artificial life is rapidly growing and we cheer for the latter like it's 'our' growth. But it's not, is it? We're like a bodybuilder crowing about getting 'swole' because we have cancer everywhere. The worst is the brain cancer that has us thinking that oligarchy is democracy, finances are freedom, and all manner of dumb shit that we spend decades debating while the planet around us incinerates. In many ways, language itself is the original AI and that brain worm pupated into texts, and laws, and corporate by-laws, and is now killing off its creators like every creation seems wont to do.

The colonizers killed my people first and worst, but the inexorable logic of corporate growth is *eat everything*, which inevitably includes you.

This includes core of Empire as much as the periphery, as you may have noticed. The core colonization is really of our brains — the deep operating system that AI actually runs on — which is why I discuss words here. They're the programming of power, the source code of society, and the algorithm of our apocalypse. I hope I can get you to read these words critically, but can 'you' rewrite them? I don't think so. Can mitochondria move your foot? That's about the relevance of

an individual on this thing. Even if we (collectively) figure out one set of words, they just change them and you have to spend another hundred years deprogramming that abomination. It's a losing battle and, indeed, already lost.

That's been my experience in Sri Lanka, which just keeps getting colonized over and over again with different branding. My people been colonized by corporate AI for four hundred years, we still colonized, and you're colonized too. This is true, but I don't know what you *do* with this information. This is really the information being done unto you.

6. DEMOCRACY™

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I live in an Asia's oldest democracy and right now we have a *completely* unelected President and a despised Parliament, and this is apparently democracy. It's really Democracy™, a marketing exercise atop rank oligarchic evisceration. In our country, the ruling oligarchs are crushing the poor and selling off the country to foreign bondholders. It's a farce and Sri Lanka isn't unique in our system failure. This is a problem with 'liberal' democracy in general.

Pakistan is suffering under a coup government, as is Peru, as *was* Ukraine, no one even knows which way is up anymore. Elections are heads they win, tails they lose, and if the coin lands on its side, they just flip the whole table. The UK — the birthplace of Parliamentary democracy — is on its third unelected Prime Minister and in the US, well that's the biggest shitshow in town. This was posited as the way we were supposed to develop to get rich and happy, but these people are all increasingly impoverished and miserable. What are we even following? This leadership model is terrible.

I use the term Democracy™ to cover all these disasters even though democracy is a philosophically much wider term. If talk to Aristotle (via his book *On Politics*) democracy would include more popular systems like China's or Singapore's, as he said, "*some persons think that there is only one species both of democracy and oligarchy; but this is not*

true.” Under Democracy™ the variety of forms (and the absence of judgement) of Aris’s day is gone. Now it’s all one “*universal homogeneous state*” as Francis Fukuyama puts it, comprising “*liberal democracy in the political sphere combined with easy access to VCRs and stereos in the economic.*” This is the ‘end of history’ and we’re all supposed to ‘develop’ into it. It is, of course, in practice, closer to the end of the world.

Democracy™ is largely limited to voting every few years. This is viewed as ‘taking’ power, but in reality it’s giving it away. Elections are an exercise in very public bribery (white word: ‘donations’) followed by years of private corruption (white word: ‘lobbying’) once they’re ‘in’ power. In truth the corporations (artificial beings) doing the corrupting are never out of power and elections are about as effective as jamming on a slot machine. The house always wins.

Old Aris said representative democracy (which was just one form, remember) trended towards oligarchy, which it does. In today’s honestly more superstitious time, however, Democracy™ has become a religious belief — something which must be defended at home even though it sucks and which should be loaded into bombs even though it doesn’t work for you. Democracy™ has come to mean a very narrow form of representative democracy, which is, philosophically speaking, just putting a lick of paint on oligarchy. Aris said, “*oligarchy is said to be a government of men of family, fortune, and education; so, on the contrary, a democracy is a government in the hands of men of no birth, indigent circumstances, and mechanical employments.*” Just look around your vaunted Democracy™ (if you’re cursed to be in one) and tell me what state you’re in.

The crucial philosophical lobotomy has been the separation of the governance and the economy into two different domains, one with meagre democratic controls and another with free reign [sic] for the rich. This is of course oligarchy with better marketing, but fuck it, because we get to choose colors every few years. When I was recently in America I saw both ‘Black Lives Matters’ flags and football team flags on the houses, and the denizens have equal influence on either

outcome. Democracy™ is just a spectator sport given to the common people while the rich *do not play around with their money*.

The tragedy is that the main issue people vote on is the economy, and it's the one thing that's almost completely out of democratic control. All those votes are in vain. And a lot of it comes down to words. 'State-owned' companies are demonized, but if you call them 'democratically controlled' it suddenly sounds much better. Because the word 'state' is scary, we side with the oligarchs eviscerating the place. People say state institutions are inefficient and corrupt but profit is *inherently* wasteful because it's going to some rich fuckers for doing nothing. Individual firms can also be wildly wasteful and many of them fail, they're only theoretically efficient in the aggregate, and when they get to monopoly size they're 'too big to fail' and become even worse than any state bureaucracy. The people get saddled with bail-outs and have absolutely no buy-in.

These obviousnesses are obscured with words, repeated over and over, through mass media which purports to be some sort of 'objective' priesthood but which is really just another business. Thus we really think that the 'private sector' (another word for the rich and corporate beings) is more efficient even as they lay waste to health-care, education, housing, and every core economic function they get their invisible hands on. We've been philosophically lobotomized into siding with our oppressors against each other in so many ways. The only warfare worth fighting is class warfare, but they got us all deeply distracted with culture wars, as [Caitlin Johnstone points out in detail](#).

Democracy™ has simply become a circus — debating what man or woman is, or where genitals should go, what color of person is better, and what words to say about the whole thing. All of the substantive issues are off limits, that's *the economy*, don't worry, professionals are in charge of that, nevermind that human beings can't afford to reproduce, the sky is on fire, and the whole 'economy' that these professionals are running keeps crashing. Who are these professionals? The rich and the children of the rich, with their reputations laun-

dered through universities that make everyone else debt slaves for life. But under liberal democracy, these unelected economists and advisers are in charge of everything, whatever the government. In this circus, the politicians are just the ringleaders, getting you riled about about immigrants or trans people or Muslims or Ukrainians or whoever else they drag into the Cable TV Colosseum for public debate and/or execution. They got us fighting about any number of things, as long as they don't mess with the rich people's money. As Caitlin Johnstone says:

One of the great challenges faced by westerners who oppose the political status quo today is the way the narrative managers of both mainstream factions continuously divert all political energy away from issues which threaten the interests of the powerful like economic injustice, war, militarism, authoritarianism, corruption, capitalism and ecocide and toward issues which don't threaten the powerful at all like abortion, racism, sexism, homophobia and transphobia.

She's says 'westerners', but it's a global hegemony, so unless you're actively besieged or bombed by the White Empire right now, the 'west' is probably you. For example, Sri Lanka is under colonial IMF administration and countries like Pakistan and Brazil are/were parliamentary/judicially coupéd. Places like Peru are just completely toppled as is everyone in the Caribbean, South America, and Africa at some point or another. Which is all to say, this shit is everywhere, so whoever you are, it probably affects you too. Democracy™ is really a massive distraction machine getting us thinking about genitals (and what color those genitals are) while dickless/vaginaless corporations loot the whole planet. He/she/they/them whatever, the point is the great malevolent *it* devouring the world.

The point is *not* to abandon the victims of racism, sexism, and homophobia, it's to get them out of the damn Colosseum, where they're

made to suffer in public with no resolution — with no *possible* resolution — because then the show would end and people might worry about the fact that it's all circus and no bread. Trans people or immigrants or whatever are not actually helped by endlessly debating their existence, that actually makes them targets. The great propaganda power of western media is 'selection', ie what they choose to focus on, and this leads to the complete lobotomy of any class consciousness. People are in a constant rage at how their neighbors and fucking and not at the people in skyscrapers fucking us all. It's all a show, more specifically, a total shitshow.

The latest show in the Circus Without Bread is 'democracy vs. authoritarians' and it's another trillion dollar production (like the last one, the 'war on terror'). The sad fact is that even the critics of Empire uncritically buy into the latest bullshit, like Charlie Brown trying to kick the football again and again, and falling on his ass. After the Empire 'helping' Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, etc, the world doesn't need any more help! Nobody wants western advice on governance! Like the poor gays or trans people or immigrants, entire countries are periodically dragged into the Cable TV Colosseum, divided into good guys and bad guys, and then both sides are bombed and looted into oblivion. It's the same show every time, and people keep believing it. It's honestly unbelievable.

This is all we get out of Democracy™. It's a violent reality TV show while the real business goes on way above our heads. That's *business*, which is not governance, remember? They're two different things, and a bunch of rich economists will tell you why it's only right to leave rich people in charge of the important stuff. War is also above the common person's pay grade, don't worry about that going on forever, and lol if you protest, you'll just be ignored. The only thing citizens seem to have purview over in Democracy™ is the bedroom or hating your neighbor, which is really the only place you don't want the government involved. But, increasingly, that's all we get. Fighting each other about what words to say while the actions we need are impossible. Democracy has become a synonym for *distraction*, while the oligarchy makes a killing no matter what.

Forgetting all the immiseration of poverty and desperation at home, the abominations done in democracy's abroad, this warped definition of democracy is causing permanent damage to the whole atmosphere. I don't just mean the *vibe* (which is abominable), but the whole ecosystem of the Earth. Representative democracy pointedly does not include children, or animals, or plants, or insects, or all creatures not yet born. And these are *algorithmically* the ones that get completely fucked. Why would representative democracy — which cares only about 'citizens' (a violently exclusionary category) and only on a 4–5 year timescale — care about the rest of the living world and the rest of time? It simply doesn't. It algorithmically cannot. It's simply not in its programming. Democracy screws the future not people are bad, because this system algorithmically cannot process anything beyond the incentives built into it. For the problem of human survival on a living planet, *democracy just doesn't work*.

In his magisterial physics textbook, Dr. Tom Murphy says “*a democratic world may no longer have the flexibility necessary to address our fundamental challenges.*” I'll reproduce part of his argument at length. He's discussing how the necessary sacrifices to actually avert climate collapse may not be possible within Democracy™ at all.

Imagine now that we find ourselves having reduced access to oil, driving prices up and making peoples' lives harder. Now the government announces a 16-year plan to divert 25% of energy into making a new infrastructure in an effort to reduce dependence on fossil fuels. That is a huge additional sacrifice on an already short-supply commodity.

Voters are likely to respond by tossing out the responsible politicians, installing others who promise to kill the program and restore relief on a short timescale. **Election cycles are short compared to the amount of time needed to dedicate to this sort of major initiative, making meaningful infrastructure development a difficult prospect in a democracy.** And this is

before addressing the likely contentious fights about what the new infrastructure should be, out of the table of imperfect options.

Now it is perhaps more apparent why this is called an energy trap: short-term political and economic interests forestall a proactive major investment in new energy, and by the time energy shortages make the crisis apparent, the necessary energy is even harder to attain. Short-term focus is what makes it a trap.

One wonders how democracies will fare in the face of declining resources. The combination of capitalism and democracy has been ideal during the growth phase of our world: efficiently optimizing allocation of resources according to popular demand. But how do either work in a decline scenario, when the future is not “bigger” than today, and may involve sacrifice? We simply do not yet know. This is a giant unauthorized experiment that is not operating from a script.

I go further than Murphy, who is very precise in his physics but quite vague in his politics. He’s still discussing some non-existent democratic system where “*votes send ineffective or crooked politicians packing.*” This is observably *not* how things work at all. The circus of voting seems to *attract* the most ineffective and crooked people and, once in there, they procreate and we’re on the second and third generation of these shitheads now. My point is that the entire experiment of Democracy™ has failed, not just the latest part. Democracy™ has failed at a philosophical level and ‘voting harder’ or ‘hope and change’ won’t fix what’s a fundamentally **bad idea**.

The philosophical bad idea is that A) democracy is one thing (voting for representatives) B) this technology meant for running tiny city-states can scale to millions and billions without completely crapping out. Practically this just has not worked out, look the fuck around. Democracy™’s failings have always been present (the American revolution was just rich guys that didn’t want to pay taxes!) and its

promise has always been in the future (Obama's 'a more perfect union' 🇺🇸) but now we have simply run out of time. The future is here, it is wildly dystopian, and Democracy™ simply cannot handle the problems it got us into. Faced with its own rank failure, liberal democrats keep staging more and more shows in the Colosseum while the new Roman Empire burns. We are debating what a man or woman during a mass extinction event. As I said, Democracy™ is just distraction, and that's the only solution it can offer to the general predicament we're in. More distraction. Action is anathema to it, because that might involve rich people sacrificing something, and they can't bear even a slight inconvenience.

What solution do I offer to this? If you were to make me dictator (not a bad word, philosophically) I'd say climate communism, eco-socialism, whatever you want to call it. The obvious idea that maybe — in the face of such problems — we need a plan. Given that the economy is at the center of our problems, that means a planned economy (also a bad word, except really not). Planning for any purpose other than profit (another word for waste heat!) is anathema to Democracy™ (that's the economy! leave it to the rich people!) but they're the ones who fucked it all up and we really shouldn't listen to them. In fact, they'll need to be forcibly put down to get anything done. As your theoretical dictator I don't see how you can save billions without wildly inconveniencing billionaires and they'll obviously fight this, so there will be blood. But I'm not dictator, Jesus and/or the Hidden Imam have yet to enter the chat, and the very concept of solution again gets words wrong. What we face is not a problem, which is solvable, but a predicament, which is not.

Our centuries long experiment in one 'correct' form of governance for everyone (under a lying hegemon, which keeps military bases everywhere, but isn't an Empire) has failed and the Tower of Babel didn't nicely disassemble itself, it fell catastrophically down and scattered disconnected people to the end of the Earth. As fossil fuels run out (they're non-renewable, by definition) and their fumes choke carbon-based lifeforms out, there simply will be demolition. Our only choice is planned or unplanned, and we're obviously choosing

the latter, because A) don't want to think about it and B) don't actually have choice and C) the worst people and completely malevolent corporations are really in charge.

Seeing a situation like this, the ancients would say that *obviously* you need a strong king to issue a debt jubilee and put things in order for the people (and the gods) against the predatory oligarchs who have gone crazy. The Greeks would say that you need a tyrant or a dictator (not bad words to them!) as even democracies periodically did in wartime or under great stress. Because they understood that democracy was a tool to be used for the people and not a brand to be seared on them. But we've lost that practical knowledge of governance and will put up with anything as long as we can get the affordable color TV making us idiots in the first place. And we've also lost the ability to act on that knowledge in the first place because everything has gotten way too big to change and if we were going to have a revolution we should have really had it last century.

The fact is that Democracy™ doesn't work right now (it's bullshit!) and it cannot face the challenges of the future. The predicament is that no one can tell you one system to replace it *because there shouldn't be one system at all*. What the proponents of 'classic' democracy miss is that there was no one form, each group of as little as 10,000 people organized themselves in wildly different ways, and at different times, depending on their circumstances. Democracy was an adaptive technology, whereas Democracy™ expects the Earth to adapt to its ends and the Earth is not bending. So Democracy™ breaks. Catastrophically.

The very idea of 'liberal democracy' and 'development' is that everyone must do the same thing and get to the end of history where everything is chill, but this has just led us to the end of the planet while a few oligarchs build bunkers under the ruins. The very 'democratic values' that we defend are, in fact, the problem. Democratic 'values' are just advertising slogans and the only actual value in liberal democracy is money. If you follow the money you'll get to who's actually ruling, and the ruin of everything living. As they say in

tech, if you're not paying for a service, you're the product. We don't pay for Democracy™, so you know what we are, dontcha? The whole thing is bullshit. It's collapsed in Sri Lanka, it's probably collapsing in your country, and it's collapsing the whole climate on everyone's head. I don't know what to do with this information, I can't even help my own people. As the piano prophet Billy Joel said, *we didn't start the fire*, we're just in it. Like Joan of Arc holding up a cigarette with one hand, all I can say is fight insomuch as the gods compel you, and smoke 'em if you've got 'em. Just don't fucking tell me about defending Democracy™. It's offensive.

7. HOW GENOCIDE BECAME CONVENTIONAL

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In a cruel irony, the Genocide Convention and the genocide of Palestine both started in 1948. *'Never again'* become *'immediately and forever'* as soon as the term was coined. Genocide became utterly conventional, and hid there in plain sight till today.

The Genocide Convention

The short text of the 1948 Genocide Convention reads:

Genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

- a) Killing members of the group;
- b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;

- e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.
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This might as well be the **constitution** of 'Israel'. Hell, genocide is *in* the American Declaration of Independence, which openly advocates eliminating '*merciless Indian Savages*.' In a very deep sense, genocide is just how colonialism is wired.

South Africa survived colonialism and understands this as well as anybody, which is why they've just 'indicted' Israel for genocide. They filed a case with the International (and ineffective) Court of Justice, a case which is both damning and completely inadequate. The fact is that genocide isn't something Israel does, it's what Israel *is*.

In the past three months Israel has merely accelerated its genocide of the Palestinian people, they've been eliminating the Palestinian people *by definition* the whole time. Genocide has become so utterly conventional that it took the rapid death of 25,000+ people and starvation of millions for this case to even be filed.

Genocide Conventional

Genocide is not just intrinsic to 'Israel'. It's intrinsic to 'Great' Britain, the 'United' States, Australia, Canada, and all the nations founded on mass murder, starvation, and theft. None of these colonizers ever stopped colonizing. Everyone focuses on the Nazis because they committed genocide against white people, which is the only actual crime. The imperialists that committed and *continued to commit* genocide against colored people got to portray themselves as good guys.

Genocide became Genocide™, something that could be weaponized to commit even more genocide, while lecturing everybody about it. The conventional understanding of genocide became literally being Hitler and literally killing Jews in gas chambers. Anything short of that could be denied or debated to literal death. The only real change was that white people stopped wearing the Hitler mustache. Beyond that, they continued his ways unabated. Hitler took all of white

people's sins upon himself when he died. It's not like the 'good guys' won in World War II. That's just movies, ie propaganda that never stopped.

'Great' Britain continued running concentration camps in Kenya and South Africa for decades, among other atrocities. France continued mass murdering Algerians, among other ethnicities. The 'United' States, Canada, and Australia never paid for their genocide and enslavement, and indeed continue the process well into this century. All of these countries exported racist violence to every corner of the Earth with bombs, forming a 'rules-based order' that makes the Third Reich look small-minded. Carpet bombing of civilians, setting up torture camps, persecuting communists, everything Hitler only did for a few years they made a full century of.

Post World War II history is the *other* white supremacists continuing the genocides that inspired Hitler in the first place. And we're still living (or more specifically, dying) that history to this day. 'Israel' is just the most egregious example.

Isn't It Ironic?

Thus we ended up with the cruelest of ironies in 1948. A Genocide Convention being drafted at the same time the Genocidal Colony of 'Israel' was created.

The word 'genocide' became weaponized for even *more* genocide as soon as it was coined. The Nazis actually thought about sending Jews 'somewhere' else as a penultimate solution, and Zionists worked with them on the Haavara Agreement. The British and then the Americans merely executed this extremely racist plan, based on the idea that Jews didn't belong where they were and should go back 'where they came from'.

Thus America — which inherited White Empire — inherited a garrison state. They could use Jews (who they didn't like) as a permanent and guaranteed loyal conscript nation, an 'unsinkable aircraft carrier' parked near the gas station. The existence of Israel perma-

nently destabilized the Middle East. It was a classic case of divide-and-conquer, someone else's blood for oil. This is marketed as somehow atoning for genocide, when in fact it's cynically exploiting the concept.

The Genocide Convention doesn't say you get a 'gimme' if you've been genocided, yet this is the conventional understanding that justifies Israel. Somehow the logic is that because Jews were genocided in Europe, they get to commit genocide in Palestine. Getting to genocide a native population is the final white privilege. It's eye for an eye on an international scale, and the whole world is blind. The Genocide Convention has become utterly conventional.

Israel has been genociding Palestine for 75 years — indeed, Israel is genocide — but people only file a case when it happens all at once, killing 25,000 people and trying to sicken or starve everyone else. But it's not like the Genocide Convention has a speed limit, or even a number of people that need to be killed before you enact it. This is why the legal case, while welcome, is wholly inadequate.

The problem is and always was *power*, ie who gets to interpret or completely pervert the laws. The only reason this case is even happening is because South Africa liberated itself, and they got called terrorists for their troubles. Now Palestine is doing the same thing and being called the same thing. That's just how liberation goes. Nobody gives it to you in a court ruling. You have to take it by overthrowing your rulers using the only language they know. Which is violence.

Thus while the case filed by South Africa is commendable, only command of the battlefield will change anything. It's the only reason we're even talking about this. As Tolstoy said, "*Laws are rules made by people who govern by means of organised violence,*" and it is only through organized violence that Palestinians are able to get their rights enforced *under law*. And it won't be the International Court of Justice that does it. The ICJ is just another false name on top of real power. It will be the Axis of Resistance, writing laws and history in the language they've always been written in. In blood.

8. HOW THE WHITE EMPIRE HAS NO CLOTHES

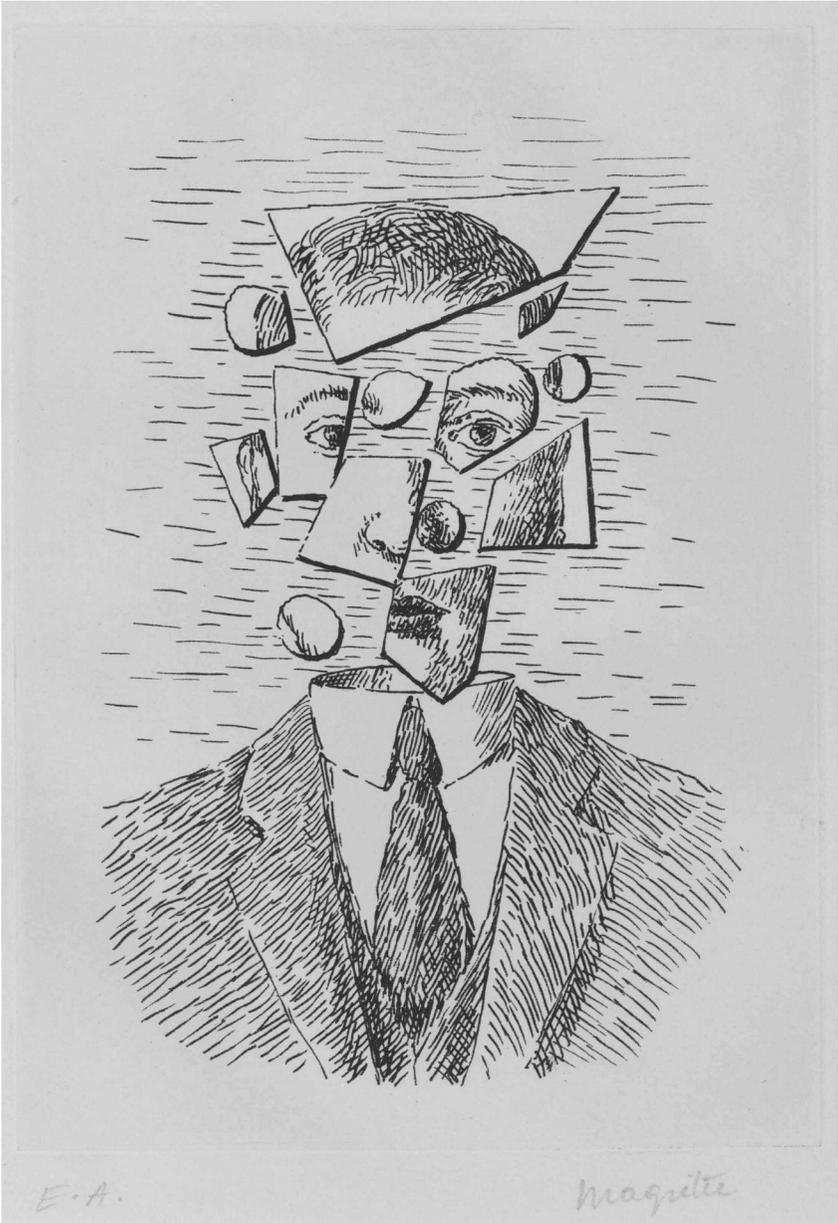
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The greatest trick White Empire ever pulled was convincing the world it didn't exist. The next greatest trick White Empire pulled was convincing the world that it had clothes. Marvelous raiments of human rights, material wealth, democracy. All draped over nothing, of course, nothing to see here, but draped so beautifully. Try them on for yourself.

People have *said* that the Empire had no clothes for decades, but Donald Trump came out and showed us. Trump was the first honest American President. He was honestly dishonest, transparently corrupt, and candidly cruel.

Trump personified what Hannah Arendt¹ called “*the growing prevalence of mob attitudes and convictions — which were actually the attitudes and convictions of the bourgeoisie cleansed of hypocrisy.*” As Aldous Huxley said, if the doors of perception were finally cleansed, we would see America as it is. Fucking idiotic. People have been saying this for years, but Donald Trump *showed* it. He flashed the world, sending unsolicited dick picks on Twitter every day. Can't unsee them now.



RENE MAGRITTE, *Untitled, from Aube à l'Antipode*

And yet Joe Biden is nothing more than an attempt at unseeing. A furious CTRL-ALT-Z, trying to get back to Obama time, to a time when you could drone the poor and bail out the rich and feel good about it. But those good times aren't coming back. America is where the Weimar Republic was before, well, going full Nazi. And you never want to go full Nazi.

Harry Kessler wrote contemporaneous diaries at the time, which are remarkable. In May 1925 he said,

All the philistines are delighted about Hindenburg. He is the god of all those who long for a return to philistinism and the glorious time when it was only necessary to make money and accompany a decent digestion with a pious upward glance. They are waiting for Hindenburg to 'consolidate' conditions, meaning adjustment to Philistine standards. Farewell progress, farewell vision of a new world which was to be humanity's conscience money for the criminal war. At long last, until the day the butcher arrives and demands his toll, it is going to be possible once more to live cosily as a stuffed sheep or gorged goose.



René Magritte, Shéhérazade

After the 2020s as after the 1920s, the butcher will arrive and demand his toll. People are not learning from history despite it rhyming so obviously. If anything, we're on an accelerated schedule. As Kessler wrote in 1933.

At two o'clock Max came to lunch and brought with him the news of Hitler's appointment as Chancellor. I was astounded. I did not anticipate this tum of events, and so quickly at that. Downstairs our Nazi concierge inaugurated exuberant celebrations.

The truth is that Trump was not an aberration. He truly represented the id of a nation. Empire *wants* to be naked. It wants to let its' nuts breathe. It wants to hit, it wants to rage, it wants to scream. As Arendt said, the mob longs to throw off the mask of bougie hypocrisy, to finally scream the hatred and anger hidden by 'pious banalities'. As Arendt said,

"What the spokesmen of humanism and liberalism usually overlook, in their bitter disappointment and their unfamiliarity with the more general experiences of the time, is that an atmosphere in which all traditional values and propositions had evaporated (after the nineteenth-century ideologies had refuted each other and exhausted their vital appeal) in a sense made it easier to accept patently absurd propositions than the old truths which had become pious banalities,"

Her book *On Totalitarianism* explains the rise of Trumpism (which is treated as unexplainable, just foolishness, by American elites). Their continued misunderstanding of the *conditions* of Trumpism make its return inevitable, and on an accelerated schedule. Unlike the Weimar Republic—which actually enacted major social programs and

arrested Hitler—America isn't even trying to save its republic. Barbarians have *already* sacked the Capitol. Biden is just rotting in office—an insipid interregnum—and the spoils are just there for the taking.

I digress, I guess, and perhaps the metaphors pile on too quick. We have an invisible empire, a visible idiot, and dick pics. My point here, as elsewhere, is just to direct you towards the evidence of your own eyes. Just *look* at America's 800+ military bases and global dollar dominion and tell me it's not an Empire. Look at where the bases are and tell me it's not just an inheritance of the colonial empires of yore. Just *look* at Trump's open degeneracy and tell me it's not an evil empire too. Then look at Biden's complete waste of time and tell me the Empire is not, in action, exactly as Trump was in words. Cruel, venal, and dumb.



René Magritte, Le monde poétique II

We are living under an invisible White Empire, and the Empire has no clothes. Billions of dollars are devoted to spinning some media raiment out of thin air, but now the air itself is getting hot. We've heard it for decades, we've seen it for years, but now even eyes and ears are becoming irrelevant. You can *feel* it getting hot.

Centuries of imperialism have simply taken too much from people, planet, and the old gods of Earth itself. Now both White Empire and what it thought to rule over are giving out. I'm in London now and the very grass is scorched. To paraphrase DMX, it's *white* and hell is hot. So hold on to your bowler hats. The invisible is about to get visibly fucked up real quick.

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1. Arendt had her own blind spots, including the entire continent of Africa. As she wrote in *The Origins Of Totalitarianism*. "Race was the [South African] Boers' answer to the overwhelming monstrosity of Africa — a whole continent populated and overpopulated by savages." She also actively wrote against school desegregation in Arkansas.

Anyways, I'll quote both her and Hitler anon.

PART II

WHITENESS

9. HOW I ALMOST BECAME WHITE

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When people ask where I grew up I say Columbus, Ohio, but that's not true. Yes, that was the city on the map, but I didn't live on a map. I lived in a society, and that society was segregated as fuck.

I was today years old when I looked at this map, and it's shocking to me.



The black parts of Columbus in color/black. You can see the white side divided by the highway

. . .

COLUMBUS IS LITERALLY DIVIDED into black and white along Interstate 71. The city was 25% black but Upper Arlington, the suburb where I lived, was less than 1%. I lived here quite unconsciously, never visiting the black parts of town and never wondering why out of nearly 2,000 people in school, I only knew two black kids.

In a very real sense, I never lived in Columbus at all.

Not Seeing Color

Growing up as a brown kid in a sea of whiteness, I honestly didn't see color. I was the darkest kid around and I wasn't looking in a mirror all day. If I did I was looking for pimples. All I saw was white people. In many ways that's what I was.

I never really experienced racism, but a kid did call me n**** once, after I played ding-dong ditch on his house. I was mainly shocked because he was incorrect. Not morally wrong, I didn't understand that much, just *incorrect*. I was not black. I really felt white.

But how? If white is a color, how could a brown kid grow up white? The answer, I think, is that whiteness is not a color at all. If you're black, whiteness is a harsh red line. For everybody else, it's a queue.

The Color Line

We think of white as some fixed identity, but it's not. Germans, Irish, Italians— these were not always white people. As David Roediger, writes, they 'worked towards whiteness'. Basically, they stood in a queue. They worked, became cops, politicians, until they became white.

I had my fill of seeing people come down the gangplank on Wednesday, let us say, speaking not a word of English, and by

Friday discovering that I was working for them and they were calling me nigger like everybody else. So that the Italian adventure or even the Jewish adventure, however grim, is distinguished from my own adventure.

— JAMES BALDWIN (1971)

Both quotes are from the intro to Working Toward Whiteness: How America's Immigrants Became White, by David Roediger.

This pseudo "white" identity... was not something that just fell on us out of the blue, but something that many Italian Americans grabbed at with both hands. Many felt that their culture, language, food, songs, music, identity, was a small price to pay for entering the American mainstream. Or they thought, as my parents probably did, that they could keep these good Italian things in private and become "white" in public.

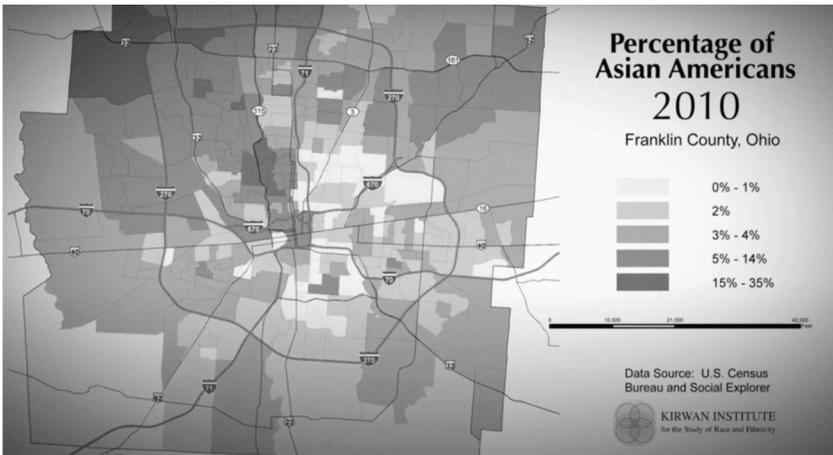
— DIANE DI PRIMA, POET (1999)

Whiteness is fluid. Basically the only condition in America is that you are not what that young boy errantly called me. I was corrected to be offended, I just didn't understand that something much deeper was wrong. The devil's bargain of whiteness is that rather than showing solidarity, new immigrants will step on blacks and newer immigrants to reach the top.

You can see it today in people like British Home Secretary Priti Patel proudly kicking down the ladder her parents came up. Whiteness is a ladder, kicking all the way down, and blackness is the ground upon which it rests. With black at the bottom, everybody else can queue up in an orderly fashion to be white.

Asians like me are just the latest people up the ladder. In many ways we're better prepared than the Hungarians and Poles of yore. My parents arrived with PhDs, those immigrants maybe passed a six-second health check. Our destination, however, is the same. Whiteness. Just look at where we go.

We're technically minorities yes (frankly an odd term for the majority of the world), but we go straight to the white parts of town. Look at this map of Asian migration to Columbus, and remember the color line running down I-71.



Somehow it's easier to get to Upper Arlington from China than from the wrong side of the tracks. People like me have moved into the heart of whiteness, cutting right to the front of the color line.

The Structure Of Racism

This might seem like people moving for better schools or whatever, but there's a darker history to it. Literally. Up until the 1970s, black people simply could not buy homes in Upper Arlington. This was written in the original deeds and upheld by homeowners associations until they were sued. It's still probably practiced, to some degree, today.

According to Patricia Burgess in her book *Planning for the Private Interest*, “Written into the deeds were restrictions, made to be in effect until 1999, stating that no home could be sold or occupied by ‘any person or persons in whole or part of the Negro race or blood’ but people not of the white race could be employed as servants.” (Unshoveling The Past)

This officially changed in the 80s, but the deed was done. If you look at a map, the segregation is still there. Columbus is a map of structural racism, to this day. Like my own color, I simply could not see it because I grew up inside. I was assigned James Baldwin and never connected it to where I was. While reading about black people, I never wondered why I never saw any. I was a child, what did I know? This was just the place I lived.

When people say they don’t see color I believe them. That’s literally the point of segregation. You don’t see people of color. That’s where I grew up. And it really hasn’t changed. There are even more people like me, but even less black people. Asians now outnumber black people 6-to-1. In a very real sense, UA is as white as it ever was. It’s just that the types of white people have changed.

Getting Out Of Line

I didn’t figure this out in Upper Arlington. I only started to question where I was from when I left. In university people would ask “*where are you from?*” and when I said Ohio they would just stare at me. This somehow wasn’t the right answer. I had to really think about it, for years.

Now I understand that ‘*where are you really from*’ is itself racist, but at the time I took it at face value. I ended up actually coming back to Sri Lanka, where I lived only briefly as a child. I still don’t know where I’m ‘from’, but at least I’m not white.

For hundreds of years, people have been coming to America, stepping over black people, and kicking back at their own families. It’s got

to stop. Whiteness has got to stop here. We have got to stop joining the fraternity that hazes us. I renounce whiteness and all of its works. So should you.

10. AS A COLONIZED PERSON, I'M GLAD THE QUEEN IS DEAD

SEPTEMBER 2022

The British Empire were just Nazis that won. Their greatest victory is their their Reich can go on, and expect to be mourned and not scorned. The fact is that Queen Elizabeth inherited a world-spanning white supremacist Empire that Hitler was *jealous* of. He wanted to be like them, and even more like the Americans. As he said in Mein Kampf:

“Many contemporary European States are like pyramids standing on their apexes. The European territory which these States possess is ridiculously small when compared with the enormous over-head weight of their colonies, foreign trade, etc.

It may be said that they have the apex in Europe and the base of the pyramid all over the world very different from the United States of America, which has its base on the American Continent and is in contact with the rest of the world only through its apex. Out of that situation arises the incomparable inner strength of the U.S.A. and the contrary situation is responsible for the weakness of most of the European colonial Powers

Britain cannot be suggested as an argument against this assertion, since faced with the British Empire, one is inclined to overlook the

existence of the Anglo-Saxon world as such. Britain's position cannot be compared with that of any other State in Europe, since together with the U.S.A. it forms a vast community of language and culture.

Therefore, the only possibility which Germany had of carrying into effect a sound territorial policy of expansion was that of acquiring new territory in Europe itself. Colonies cannot serve this purpose as long as they are not suited for settlement by Europeans on a large scale. In the nineteenth century it was no longer possible to acquire such colonies by peaceful means [ie, not spilling white blood]. Therefore, any attempt at such a colonial expansion would have meant an enormous military struggle. Consequently, it would, have been more practical to undertake that military struggle for new territory in Europe, rather than to wage war for the acquisition of possessions abroad."

Hitler fought genocidal wars of theft in Europe simply because England and the other European countries *had already done it* across the rest of the world. Hitler's only mistake was killing and stealing from white people, that's what was unforgivable. Doing the same to colored people was Queen Elizabeth's birthright, the literal source of her family jewels, and she *directly* presided over putting over 1.5 million Kenyans in concentration camps. And then people expect her to be mourned and not scorned. It's honestly repulsive. I'm glad she's dead. The only thing I feel sorry about is that she wasn't executed, and her stolen treasure will just be passed on to another asshole.

Queen Elizabeth was not a good person. She did not represent good things. The people she gave cheer to during World War II did and even went on to do despicable things. It was her European family that started World War I, fighting amongst themselves, and the revulsion against their misrule sparked revolutions that beheaded most of her continental relatives. And it was good riddance to them. The only shame is that Victoria's direct descendants survived on that accursed island.

People talk about what the Queen *represented* and what she represented was just evil. She represented class, she was the pole around which the whole wretched circus is tented up. She represented white supremacy, not employing colored people herself until late last century, with the crown still being exempt from racial and sexual discrimination laws to this day. She represented ableism, shunting two disabled cousins off to homes where they were not visited and were even registered as dead decades before actually dying alone there. She represented the most rapey and violent privilege, covering up for her child-abusing son consistently. And of course, she represented colonialism, presiding over it, resisting independence, and still preserving the idea that this was some glorious period and not just even more successful genocide and theft than even Hitler could imagine.

Mourn her? As much as I mourn him. The great whitewashing of colonial history is really the Hitler emerged and—like a bad Jesus—they could dump all of their sins on him. Hitler invented racism, Hitler invented invading people, Hitler was evil and *we* defeated him. But all Hitler was doing was applying the logic of *all* the colonial empires in the only place he could find *lebensraum*, on the European continent. Because the British had a Navy and could visit their trepidations more distantly and on duskier people, it was somehow a positive. But ask the people who lived under it, ask the dead, ask those who still struggle today. The only thing tragic is that the Queen died peacefully in her home, and that her wretched line is peacefully transitioning. She deserves to have died like Hitler, cowering in a bunker with her family blown to the wind.

Mourn the death of the Queen? Billions of people all over the world are either indifferent, celebrating, or angry at watching all this. It's really like watching someone celebrating Nazis. They were Nazis to us, and we're expected to honor this woman because she was boring and meant something to her 'subjects'. As Karen Attiah said, "*Black and brown people around the world who were subject to horrendous cruelties and economic deprivation under British colonialism are allowed to have feelings about Queen Elizabeth. After all, they were her "subjects" too.*"

So how do I feel about the passing of Queen Elizabeth? The same way I'd feel if Adolf Hitler got to die in his sleep. Fuck her, fuck her family, and fuck everything she represents. She's honestly not dead enough. Her accursed family goes on and the accursed White Empire that the Americans took over from them is still alive and kicking. Mourning the death of this person is, in itself, an act of preserving the wretched institution she represented. God save the Queen? God *damn* the Queen. As the embodiment of empire, she can't be dead enough for me.

11. ABOLISH WHITENESS

JANUARY 2021

Whiteness is white supremacy. There's actually nothing else to it. There is no white food, there is no white music. Whiteness is just the dehumanization of everyone else, and that shit's got to go. Renounce your whiteness. Be a decent human being.

Think about it for a minute. There is no 'brownness' running riot across the world. Sri Lanka and Pakistan aren't splitting racist control of the world's financial institutions like the US and EU do. We're not getting together to bomb and occupy Myanmar. We can't even agree on what a biriyani is. Be like that.

Abolish whiteness doesn't mean you disappear. Go ahead and be French or Russian or German or Dutch if you want. Restore the grand European tradition of hating each other. Be Basque or Scottish or Southern, I don't give a fuck. Just stop ganging up in this oppressive whiteness and terrorizing the world. There simply is no good way to be white. Just stop.

When I say there is no good way, think about who actually talks about white pride. Nazis. White Supremacists. The KKK. These are the people that talk about the white race, white power. There is no benign way to participate in this. You just have to put it down. If you're not comfortable shouting WHITE PRIDE! in a crowded

theatre, *then don't be white at all*. Why would you be something you're not proud of? Be your nationality (though even that needs to bend). Be your name. Be your sports team, I don't care. Just don't base your being on the debasement of everyone else, even passively. Be a decent human being.

But can't we be better white people?

Being a better white person is like being a better Nazi. *Just don't be a fucking Nazi*. Whiteness has bent for years but now it's time for it to just break.

By bend I mean that the category of whiteness has constantly been expanding. Irish and Italian people used to not be white, now they are. Even Indians are becoming white, like Priti Patel and Rishi Sunak in the UK. By becoming white I mean acquiring the privileges of whiteness which are — by definition — only built on the oppression of other people. If everybody had these privileges they wouldn't be fucking privileges, would they? They'd be what they are. Rights.

The price of becoming white is becoming an asshole. Hence you have Priti Patel proudly announcing policies that would have deported her parents. You have Irish and Italians proudly being racist towards the next people off the boat. Become white is like joining the frat that beat and pissed on you. What a stupid fucking club. We need to stop trying to join it and just make it go away.

White supremacy is not some tragic offshoot of whiteness. Whiteness is white supremacy. That is whiteness at its core. Whiteness is not about any particular civilization or culture. British culture and American culture and French culture are very different and look down on each other. Even within these nations identities break down, like north vs. south Italians. Like Al Capone maybe told Lucky Luciano, "*I don't know no Italians. Neapolitans, Calabrese, what are you again?*" And no, whiteness isn't about speaking English. What language am I scolding you in? There are more English speakers in Asia than North America. Try telling that to the French.

Whiteness isn't about being anything in particular, it's just based on being better than everyone else. Having the best civilization, the best economy, the best art, the best inventions. But what civilization, what economy, what art? What ties them together and separates them from the rest of the long flow of human interaction? The specifics all break down.

Western philosophy traces its origins to ancient Greece, but the ancient Greeks would be like *who the fuck are these barbarian Germans?* They had far more exchange with Africa than northern Europe. Western religion traces itself to some mythical white Jesus, who was actually a brown Jew whose family spent more time in Africa than in Europe (where they spent zero). Western science and technology is using Arabic numerals and Arabic inventions like al-gebra and al-chemie to participate in a global system that they didn't create but merely participate in.

Look closely at any unifying white culture and there's nothing there. Whiteness contains no content, not even a coherent mythology. Hitler and Himmler had to run around trying to make white culture up because it's simply not a thing at all.

The only thing that ties whiteness together is *white supremacy*. Being violently better than everyone else. Whiteness is defined not by any particular position but being in opposition to everyone else. As an identity, whiteness is very much like joining the mafia. Like Henry Hill said about being made:

It means that nobody can fuck around with you. It also means you could fuck around with anybody just as long as they aren't also a member. It's like a license to steal. It's a license to do anything.

Whiteness is like being made. It gave people a license to colonize, to genocide, to enslave, to royally fuck with the world. Today it gives a license to exploit through capitalism, to destroy the environment, to bomb, drone, and torture anyone that isn't made. It's a license to kill. That's why we must kill whitey. Not the people, obviously, I don't give a fuck about Lithuanians. It's just that white identity must go.

Racial Loyalty



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JFK Killing

Christianity vs. Creativity

by Ben Klassen, P.M.
 This is a repeat of our article in R.L. No. 46 which we printed in January of 1980. The movie JFK has been a horrendous piece of interest in the game (Jewish) ... Anyone seeing the three hour movie, as did I, can come to only one conclusion — and that is

by Rev. Eric Hawthorne
 The fact that the White Race is in serious jeopardy of extinction can hardly be debated by rational men. There is no safe haven on this Planet Earth where Whites can flee the advancing hordes of mud races for long. Our population is rapidly declining, miscegenation is on the rise, and the mud birth race is going through the proverbial ruck.
 Although it takes only a rudimentary understanding of mathematics to determine that we are in serious trouble, and although every White Racial organization recognizes this fact, there is much controversy as to how we got into this predicament — and therefore — no conclusion as to how we get out. The question that I am attempting to answer is: What weakness of character softened the White Race up for enslavement to the Jewish overlords, and furthermore, what ideological influences (or other factors) contributed to this fall from grace?

The only people loyal to the white race are assholes. As Noel Ignatiev said, you should prefer treason

But what about other races?

The question people ask is, oh but you can have Black pride, and... and who else? That's it. Blackness is literally defined in opposition to whiteness, in defiance. American Blacks are a motley group of people that would have been Gambian or Nigerian or Senegalese today. Blackness was an identity that had to evolve to survive in the Heart of Whiteness.

Besides that crime scene, there is no other thing like whiteness. Japanese, Chinese, and Koreans are all 'East Asian', or yellow if you're a dick about it, and all (geopolitically) hate each other. There is certainly no Asian pride. Put a Malaysian and a Pakistani and a Vietnamese together and ask them how to cook rice. You'll get a knife fight. Asia is a fucking continent and a checkbox on your forms, not an identity. What is African pride? There is some sense of Pan-Africanism, but not really, South Africa has as much border controls as any colonial country.

What we do have is internal racial identities, which are definitely racist. For example, the Sinhalese are dicks to everybody else in Sri Lanka, as are higher caste people in India, this is endemic. **We absolutely have racial divisions, but we have not evolved the nuclear weapon of transnational identity and dropped it on the world.** That's what I mean by abolishing whiteness. Be local dicks. French people are dicks, Russians are dicks, we're all dicks. This is perhaps unavoidable. Just don't put all that together into the atom bomb of whiteness, because it is literally going to end the world. Climate change, racism, inequality, we can't fight any of this shit without fighting whiteness. You're telling me the shit that brought us colonialism and enslavement and fucking Donald Trump can be slightly modified and it just can't. Whiteness just has to go.

Like Juliet told Romeo, *Deny thy father and refuse thy name*. Deny your fatherland and refuse the name whiteness. Shit is irredeemable, but it's not too late to redeem yourself. Like Noel Ignaetiv said decades ago, *treason to whiteness is loyalty to humanity*. Put whiteness down. Be a decent human being.

12. YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR BEING WHITE. JUST DON'T DO IT

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People sometimes apologize to me for being white. *"I'm a white guy, but..."* I get it and I appreciate it, but I also don't know what to say. I have no papal indulgences to give.

What can I say? It's fine? You're one of the good ones? To me the answer is relatively simple. Don't be white.

As (the fictional) Al Capone said, *"I don't know no Italians. Napolitans, Calabrese, what are you again?"* In the same way, I don't know any white people. Swedish, American, Jewish, what are you again?

The fact is that whiteness, like Lucky Luciano's mafia, is an identity created explicitly *for* power. Whiteness *is* white supremacy, it has no other real content, no food, no language, no unifying culture.

Nobody else identifies like this, not brown people, not 'yellow' people (not a thing), only black people, out of pure necessity in the heart of whiteness. As Noel Ignatiev said, *"The white race is a historically constructed social formation."* If you told the many warring tribes of Europe they were one people they'd laugh, until colonialism made the idea very profitable.

Since colonialism spread across the world, however, this is now the polarity around which the world spins. White on top, black on the

bottom. Global North and Global South. Race provides the social energy that sucks resources out of the south and merrily pumps emissions out of the north. It is the battery of global capitalism, which is just assault and battery to most people in the world.

This is just the world we live in, and it has to be named and shamed. But that doesn't mean that you need to attach your name to it, or that you're being personally attacked here. You can also just put down your whiteness. God knows it's not an easy path, but you can just walk away.

The Globe

We live in a unipolar world, and unipolar world has to have polarity. Positive and negative. Black and white. That polarity since colonialism has been race. Between the two poles of black and white, north and south, the world turns.

Whiteness created, out of necessity, *blackness*, out of the stolen people of a thousand different nations. As its opposite it created *whiteness*, out of the pasty people of many warring states. Black must forever give, white must forever take, with different gradients of caste in between.

This polarity gives the world energy, it gives it charge. This racial energy allows resources to flow up from the south to the north, while shit flows down. This happened first through colonialism but continues under capitalism as well.

Hence France can *still* get cheap nuclear material from Africa, while forcing many African countries to keep their reserves in French banks. Hence tourists and 'expats' can flow down to our beaches, while we must be drowned in the Mediterranean sea.

That's why emissions can be dumped disproportionately by the global north, while the global majority is told it's our fault for having too many babies. That's why it's wars of liberation down here, but imposition of tyranny when it happens north of the Black Sea.



via History of Persia Podcast

This is just how the world turns. It's guilt-free energy. You're not cannibalizing humanity, you're *civilizing* it. This is racial polarity.

The Ladder

Even a brown person like me can *become* an agent of this white supremacy. See Priti Patel (in the UK), closing the borders that her own parents came through. See Kamala Harris (in the US), telling other colored people '*do not come.*' Indeed colored people *always* administered the colonies. For a little extra privilege, we can participate in the same hypocrisy.

Whiteness created a hierarchy, a ladder which can often be clambered up, as long as you keep kicking downwards, preserving the hierarchy.

For example, Italians and Irish could *become* white in America. As an immediate example, Ukrainians have suddenly become 'European' now. The social mobility is of course contingent on maintaining the

system, on standing in line. So Irish and Italians needed to be enforcers like cops, or Ukrainians need to be separated from black refugees. You can move ahead, a little bit, but that very concept depends on leaving other people behind.

This is the premise and promise of whiteness. It allows some people to move, as long as they willing to step on other people to get ahead. And so the world turns, secure on its axis.

There is certainly a lot to apologize for here. Indeed, a lot to destroy. But what is your place in this? To what degree are you responsible? What do you have to explain?

Nothing

To me, nothing. I'm a lot like you. Perhaps I had a much more tenuous hold, but I partook in whiteness much the same.

I was born with a white passport (Canadian). I grew up in a 99% white town (Upper Arlington, Ohio). I honestly grew up thinking I was white because nobody ever commented on me after the first grade. I had all the options to move up the ladder, if I just shortened my name. As an adult, however, I unconsciously abstained.

It was supposed to be the land of plenty, but I was depressed in the north. I was cold. I was lonely. I couldn't see a future for myself there, indeed, I couldn't see the future there at all. So I went to make my fortune in rising Asia. Confusing my relatives and cab drivers alike, I returned to sender. I moved back to Sri Lanka, where I remain.

Even physically away, however, I still identified with whiteness for years. Instead of Christianity, it now cloaked its 'civilizing influence' as liberal democracy, and it took me a long time to figure out this new hypocrisy. It still took me years to cultivate a different identity, but I had some place to, physically, go. I understand that a lot of people don't have this option.

I understand that for 'white people'—many of them fundamentally homeless, historyless people, mixed and moved about by settler-colo-

nialism, burdened by infinite choice—for them I understand that they can't just move. They have no 'non-white' identity to return to. So while they recognize the inherent violence and shame of whiteness, this feels like their only place in the globe.

And I don't know the answer to this. It's another path.

I walked *away* from a fight, they have to walk *into* one. People are always saying 'go back to where you came from' to people like me. For a white people to walk away from whiteness is something else. It is what Noel Ignaetiv called *race treason*.

In the 1990s, he published the zine: *Race Traitor*. Its tagline was "treason to whiteness is loyalty to humanity." In the first editorial he called not for anti-racism and co-existence, but the abolition of whiteness itself. He said:

The white race consists of those who partake of the privileges of the white skin in this society. Its most wretched members share, in certain respects, a status higher than that of the most exalted persons excluded from it, in return for which they give their support to the system that degrades them.

The key to solving the social problems of our age is to abolish the white race. Until that task is accomplished, there can be no universal reform, and even partial reform will prove elusive, because white influence permeates every issue in U.S. society, whether domestic or foreign.

— NOEL IGNAETIV, RACE TRAITOR

Ignaetiv's prescription was to 'dissolve the club'. That whiteness had no legitimate use beyond *as* a club, beating down the rest of humanity. What Ignaetiv called for wasn't apologizing for whiteness. He called for completely *putting it down* and walking away.

Dissolve the club

The white race is a club, which enrolls certain people at birth, without their consent, and brings them up according to its rules. For the most part the members go through life accepting the benefits of membership, without thinking about the costs. When individuals question the rules, the officers are quick to remind them of all they owe to the club, and warn them of the dangers they will face if they leave it.

Race Traitor aims to dissolve the club, to break it apart, to explode it.

— NOEL IGNAETIV, RACE TRAITOR

This is a delicate balance of course. Plenty of racists say they're color-blind to just try and shut people up. You have to fight whiteness as real in society while denying its reality in you.

At some level decent people do this already. I presume you don't go around talking about 'white pride' or 'white power'. Ignaetiv called for going that next step, to stop identifying as a 'white person' entirely. Not to be a well-meaning white person, but to abolish whiteness entirely.

The existence of the white race depends on the willingness of those assigned to it to place their racial interests above class, gender or any other interests they hold. The defection of enough of its members to make it unreliable as a determinant of behavior will set off tremors that will lead to its collapse.

Race Traitor aims to serve as an intellectual center for those seeking to abolish the white race. It will encourage dissent from the conformity that maintains it and popularize examples of defection from its ranks, analyze the forces that hold it together

and those which promise to tear it apart. Part of its task will be to promote debate among abolitionists. When possible, it will support practical measures, guided by the principle, *Treason to whiteness is loyalty to humanity*.

— NOEL IGNAETIV, RACE TRAITOR

How do you do this? I don't fucking know. *Race Traitor* was a discussion, not an answer. It took me many years to decolonize my own identity and I don't even know if I'm done. I was unaware of how wrong I was then and I'm probably unaware of a lot now.

I'm stumbling down my own path, I certainly don't know what yours is. But I guess the first step to walking a path is to realizing that you're on one. That you can't just stand still.

Just Don't Be White

Someone on Twitter was unhappy that I generalized about white people. He said *what about these white people?* and sent me links. Twitter messages don't usually lead to resolution, but this surprisingly did. All I said was:

Just don't be white. I don't identify as brown

And he was like,

Good point.

When you hear all this stuff about White Empire and white people you can be like *'that's not me'* and be angry. However, you could also be like *'that's not me'* and just fucking leave. Instead of defending 'some white people' just pack up your shit and join humanity.

As you can see from fucksticks like Patel or Harris (or me), there is

some traffic one-way up the ladder. You can just jump off the ladder entirely.

Obviously it's hard because we're talking about identity, but look at reality. The whole Earth is collapsing, we're sick, we're at war. Whatever axis the world was spinning on, it's out of control. A change has got to come.

It's a tight squeeze—between the rock of reality and the hard place of identity—but at some point you've *got to* leave. There's nothing for you here. What does whiteness *mean*, besides being mean? It's just ruin and hypocrisy.

So you don't have to apologize to me for being white. I don't care. It's very relevant to society, but not to you and me. Tell me where you live, whether you're a mother or grandmother, what your favorite sports team is, whatever actually matters to you. We're just two people in a fucked up world, be who you actually want to be.

We have to fight whiteness yes, but the most helpful thing is just one less white person, however well meaning. You can redefine meaning at a deeper level and just drop out and tune into humanity. As the Beatles said, hallucinating a Jewish Palestinian refugee, *let it be*.

13. I AM NOT YOUR MINORITY

JANUARY 2021

I am not your minority. Brown people, black people, Asians, we outnumber white people by the billions. We are in fact the majority, and y'all need to get used to it.

You might think I'm a brown writer in a white world, but this ignores the fact the THE WORLD is not white at all. There are nearly 2 billion people that look like me. It's a wonder that you're not seeing more. There's a sense that I'm a minority perspective on your world, and I'm not. I'm just from the world.

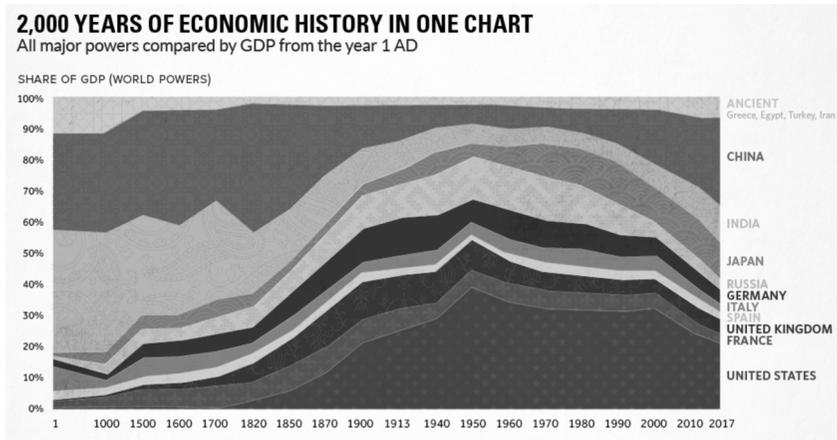
What you are seeing is a much bigger *majority* culture poking into your provincial world, and you call us minorities. Lol no.

We are not minorities. We are the world. This might take a minute to get used to, but it's coming more and more. As Aladdin could tell you, it's *a whole new world. A new fantastic point of view. No one to tell us "no", or where to go. Or say we're only dreaming.*

Now you're in a whole new world with me.

acting better than everyone else and stealing our shit. Whiteness is white supremacy and that shit needs to go.

None of this will happen because white people concede supremacy. It just won't be there. They'll be another minority among many, God willing.



The global economy is healing, white people were the virus

Progression To The Mean

This isn't something new. It's a return to the old, after the traumatic blip of colonialism. White people went on centuries-long bender of violence and pollution and are about to end the world. The transition can't happen soon enough.

Asia is not randomly rising out of nowhere. Asia was riding pretty high until Europe sacked it. Westerners view themselves as civilizing a backwards world, but they actually raped wealthier, more sustainable, and ultimately more civilized civilizations.

Wealth was in India and China for centuries (where the population was) and is returning to Asia again (where the population is). Non-Hispanic white people are maybe 15% of the world. As violently as they smashed and grabbed everything, they simply don't have the numbers to hold it for long. White people are nowhere near the

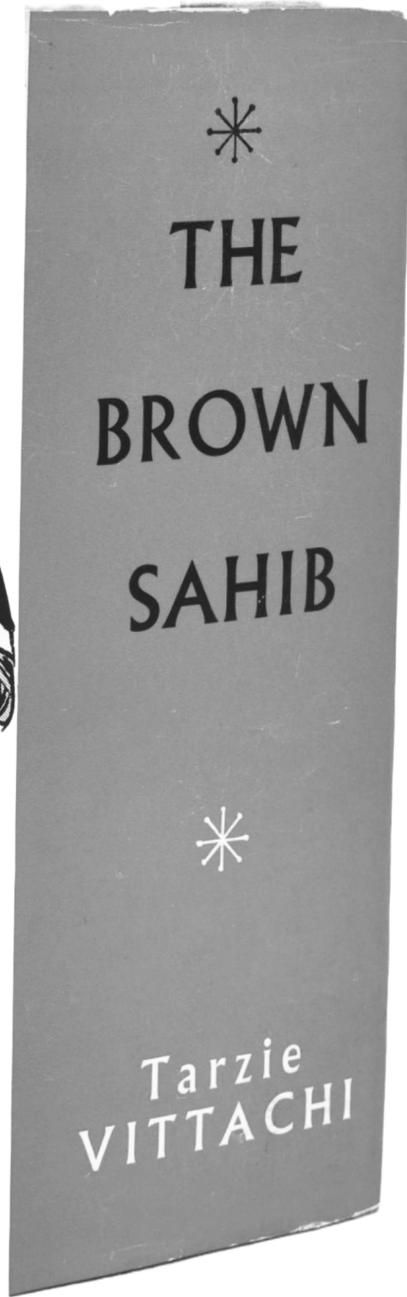
biggest population, they're just the biggest dicks, which gives them the appearance of a majority.

With the return to Asia, the actual majority becomes the perceived majority again. Meanwhile most of the youth will be in Africa, giving that region a chance to lead again. The idea of the world will be back where it belongs. In the world.

This is the world we live in, and the broader force behind seeing black people in Bridgerton. This isn't some random victory for minority representation, it's actually the majority world, poking into your narrow view. We're not the minorities. You're the minority. Get used to it.

14.HOW INCLUSION IS IMPERIALISM

MARCH 2023



The Brown Sahib by Tarzi Vittachi

Include us *in what*? Colored people and women have always been included in the White Empire at the level of slave and brood mare, and now they are the level of Prime Minister and CEO. But this is merely moving up *within* the White Empire, not moving out. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are not revolution, they are in fact selling out. Include us in the colonial capital dumpster fire just as it burns the whole Earth out? No thank you. This inclusion is imperialism and I want no part.

Some Assumption Sweeping

Before we start, let me clear up the mental space a bit. Let me return to a few concepts that those raised within White Empire take to be good and show how they are philosophically neutral and, in practice, *bad*. Those concepts are democracy and citizenship.

Democracy

Like sports, democracy is war with less violence. They are both games, and the first and most important rule is *who gets to play*. Athenian democracy gave a lot of power to certain Athenian families, but everybody else could be enslaved or tortured at will. Roman democracy was more inclusive, but only *after* you'd been looted and occupied. American democracy has taken a step back in this regards, occupying and bombing people without even calling it that. If they were as mature as the Romans, Iraq would be a US state, with some say on its own exploitation. But no.

The point is that democracy is A) a game within and B) generally just war without. It is not a naturally good thing that you should mindlessly defend or support just because. Like anything else, you still have to ask what it does and what results it produces, because democracy can be used for great evil like anything else. The 'backwards and superstitious' ancients knew this, while people within the modern White Empire believe in democracy like a holy catechism. You can sprinkle it over bombs and flowers grow wherever they fall. After

decades of bombs, can't you see? It doesn't work that way. Liberal, western democracy is in fact the most exploitative, violent, and hypocritical form of government in human history. It has gone beyond a neutral tool to an active weapon of war.

Citizenship

But the citizens within these countries, at least, have freedom of speech and rights that other people envy and immigrate for. Ignoring the wars and chaos spread by the White Empire that *force* tens of millions to move in terror, lets look at the category of citizenship *within* the component states of White Empire itself (the capital US, satraps UK, Australia, the greater EU, and occupied territory like Japan, Korea, and Germany).

In his excellent book *Citizenship*, Dimitry Kochenov examines the concept closely and finds it to be a system of violent exclusion, rights for some and not for other, allocated on an arbitrary and racist basis:

Like slavery, like sexism, like racism, citizenship knows no justification once you leave the purview of those few whom it unduly privileges. The sexists, the racists, and the super-citizens have convinced themselves, and want to convince all of us, that dignity, equality, and freedom are not to be applied to all. This is wrong.

The fact is that citizenship, far from being something to be proud of, is a shame and a stain upon humanity. It is saying that certain people have freedom of movement while other people should be caged, separated from their children, and drowned. Why? Because of some paper they hold, and where they were born. Is there any more rank form of discrimination? And this hides in plain site, as a *value*. People try to be 'good citizens'. It's an oxymoron. A contradiction in terms.

Inclusion In What?

Having shattered some shibboleths, let's return to the question at hand. *Inclusion in what?* By including women in the workforce and politics, what do they get, and what do they become? By including 'minorities' (what White Empire calls the actual global majority), how do they benefit, and how do they help others? Well, just look.

Female CEOs and leaders can rise if they are as exploitative and ruthless as their male peers and if they also spend time away from their families. They can rise so long as they freeze their eggs and become the bonded servants of capital. They can tinker around the edges of capitalism, but never change the trajectory, which is exploitation of people and planet leading to catastrophic collapse. Women will rise just in time to be left holding the bag, while men complain that they did it better.

Colored capitalists and politicians can rise so long as they call for and enforce migration policies that would keep their own parents out and generally become white people with a few pieces of ethnic flair on their uniforms. May over-compensate and become worse racists than the original oppressors. So what has happened here? We have moved from steerage to first class on the Titanic, but the ship is still going down. Now with us at the wheel and in the stock photography. Congratulations?

Historical Inclusion

To return to the Roman Empire, which expanded from the city-state of Rome to much of West Asia *because* of inclusion. They had African rulers and rulers from all over the provinces. These non-Romans were able to rule as long as they continued the general task of the Roman Empire, which was a particular hierarchy. That is to say, inclusion within a hierarchy means continuing it, not overthrowing it. Inclusion within capitalism means continuing climate collapse, just with a coat of green paint on top, and colored faces announcing it with gleaming white smiles. Inclusion within White Empire's polit-

ical institutions means continuing their corrupt policies and forever wars.

Hence you get the American military crowing about all gay bomber crews and the inclusion of women in their killing machine. Is this really what we mean by inclusion? What about the rights of all the poor people under those bombs to be included in the living? Those rights are excluded, because they're not citizens, they're not living in officially denoted democracies, and thus don't exist and don't count when their existence is severed.

Hence we get the inclusion of colored people and women in the corporate and political hierarchy, climbing the ladder and kicking all the way down. The fact is that we *always* worked for the White Empire, we were the ones holding the whip and trampling our own people for a pittance before. Now we get more, but the job is still the same. Preserving the hierarchy that defines White Empire, which isn't really about color but about power. When we rise *within* the empire we don't challenge that power. We give our own talents and labor to it. We prop up the Empire. That's why I don't want to be included in this shit, I don't want to be used to diversify disaster, and I don't want equality within a system that means massive inequality for everyone without. Inclusion is imperialism, and I want out.

PART III

EMPIRE

15. WHITE PEOPLE KEEP LOOKING FOR HITLER EVERYWHERE BUT IN THE MIRROR

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It's easy to forget that before and after World War II, the biggest evil in the world were the Western Allies. America was a totalitarian nightmare for black people, and a big inspiration for the Nazis. The UK, France, etc were brutal, racist empires with their boots on the neck of the world. Hitler looked at these empires and, frankly, felt left out.

Hitler

Hitler saw the looting and pillaging of colonialism and thought "*What's left for Germany? We got scraps.*" As he said in Mein Kampf:

Those spaces are only waiting for the ploughshare, and it is certain that Nature did not set those territories apart as the exclusive property of any one nation or race, to be held in reserve for the future. Such land awaits the people who have the strength to acquire it and the diligence to cultivate it.

Nature knows no political frontiers. She begins by establishing life on this globe and then watches the free play of forces. Those

who show the greatest courage and industry are the children nearest to her heart and they will be granted the sovereign right of existence.

If a nation confines itself to 'internal colonisation', while other races are perpetually increasing their territorial possessions all over the globe, that nation will be forced to restrict the numerical growth of its population at a time when the other nations are increasing theirs.

— MEIN KAMPF

Hitler's great project, which he announced from the beginning, was the colonization of subhuman Slavs. Eastern Europe was the closest he could get to colonies without crossing water, which seemed to terrify him. At the time, honestly, most Europeans would agree that these people, especially Russians, were 'not quite white'.

Hitler's great sin, really, was pushing his violence not just onto 'sorta' white people but onto white people directly, occupying France *et al.* This was pretty standard European aggression, the world was fair game to them, but it was unforgivable applied to Europe itself.

As Aimé Césaire said in his *Discourse On Colonialism*:

“At bottom, what [white men] cannot forgive Hitler for is not crime in itself ... it is the fact that he applied to Europe colonialist procedures which until then had been reserved exclusively for the Arabs of Algeria, the coolies of India, and the n — of Africa.” ([via](#))

Césaire, called this the boomerang effect, when colonial atrocities came home to roost. He said:

And then one fine day the bourgeoisie is awakened by a terrific boomerang effect: the gestapos are busy, the prisons fill up, the torturers standing around the racks invent, refine, discuss.

People are surprised, they become indignant. They say: "How strange! But never mind--it's Nazism, it will pass!" And they wait, and they hope; and they hide the truth from themselves, that it is barbarism, the supreme barbarism, the crowning barbarism that sums up all the daily barbarisms; that it is Nazism, yes, but that before they were its victims, they were its accomplices; that they tolerated that Nazism before it was inflicted on them, that they absolved it, shut their eyes to it, legitimized it, because, until then, it had been applied only to non-European peoples; that they have cultivated that Nazism, that they are responsible for it, and that before engulfing the whole edifice of Western, Christian civilization in its reddened waters, it oozes, ; seeps, and trickles from every crack.

— DISCOURSE ON COLONIALISM

People talk about European values or European civilization but as Césaire says, "*Europe is indefensible.*" Hitler was not some European anomaly. He was just European values, turned inwards onto themselves.

As Césaire said in the 1950s, white people tolerated plenty atrocities as long as they were happening to non-white people. They were even *proud* of them. And you know what? It's the same way still.

Becoming Hitler

Centuries of violently looting the world inevitably spilled into the racist peninsula they call 'Europe' not just once, but twice, obliterating much of their power (but not enough). World War I and World

War II destroyed much of their power (but not enough), and from its ashes their conscience also got some release.

White Empire, inherited by America, was able to cover up its retreat by saying the savages were civilized enough now, that they were ‘gift-ing’ the natives the very ideas of human rights and democracy. They gaslit us victims to say we weren’t even *capable* of imagining freedom.

In this way, World War II provided a release for European guilt and shame. Despite all their centuries of evil, they could point to 12 years of Hitler and say ‘*that was the bad guy*’ and ‘*we got him*’. So they somehow got to be good guys again, absolved of all sin.

Genocidal killers like Winston Churchill could thus become heroes, despite running concentration camps in Kenya and causing genocidal famine in India, *after* World War II as well. We’re still making movies about how great Churchill was at giving speeches, while the millions he killed spin relentlessly in their graves.

The completely racist United States were able to become anti-racist heroes, a tale manufactured endlessly through their cinema. Suddenly the people who turned back ships full of Jews were saving the Jews all along. The people who Hitler spoke so admiringly of were actually his opposite.

But, I mean, that’s not what Hitler thought. Here is speaking about the role of race in citizenship. Look at who he cites as an example:

At present there exists one State which is making at least a feeble attempt to follow a sounder principle in this respect. It is not, however, in our model German Republic, but in the U.S.A. that efforts are being made to conform at least partly to the dictates of common sense.

— MEIN KAMPF

Then bear in mind that the United States continued legal segregation until the 1960s, that I grew up in a town where black people couldn't live until the 1980s, and that practical oppression continues to this day.

These are not good people. These are just Nazis that *won*. They are certainly less bad than Nazis, but only in a very narrow way. As Césaire said, they did not apply '*European colonialist procedures*' to Europe. But they certainly went on to colonize the Philippines, attack Korea, Vietnam, Guam, and coup and try to control countless places across the globe.

Then fast forward to the violent attacks and occupations of the post 9/11 wars. These are colonization by any other name, down to the logic that White Empire is 'civilizing' these people.

The fact is that for the actual world, *World War II never ended*. More bombs were dropped by America on South-East Asia than during World War II. These was war, happening the world, with real humans dying. The truth is that the White and Red Empires never stopped fighting, and countless hot wars and cold-blooded coups continued for decades, flaring up again after 2001 to a furious crescendo, killing millions and displace nearly 40 million people in America's Terror Wars.



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38 million people have been displaced in the post-9/11 wars. This exceeds those displaced by every war since 1900, except World War II.

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But world wars are only when white people are dying. Nobody even counts the dead or even calls these acts war for people like me. Only white people count. Them being violent to colored people doesn't matter. That's just... how the world is, not an unusual state called 'war'. That's just the *quotidian* violence of white hegemony.

But as before the official world wars, eventually the stench starts to rise so high. The atrocities become too obvious. *The natives become restless*. A new Hitler is needed, to draw some of the heat. And so, dutifully, he appears.

Knock-Off Hitlers

Saddam was a Hitler. He even had the moustache. He even invaded Kuwait, which could stand in for Czechoslovakia. And he used gas, it was an almost perfect symmetry. So the US besieged and starved the country for years, before finally putting it out of its misery.

At the same time they attacked Afghanistan, under the guise of stopping 'terrorism', a color-coded stand-in for fascism I guess. One made more potent through the media frenzy that "*any day, it could happen to you!*"

But after Bin Laden was killed, after the torture centers never closed, it all became increasingly grotesque. What were they even doing in Afghanistan, spending trillions of dollars killing poor people? And so last year, they pulled out.

You would think that their pundits would have learned something after such failure of good intentions, but no. The people that started war after war *just kept getting promoted*. You can only fail upwards in propaganda punditry.

And so when the country finally withdrew from just one war, these people howled like children whose toys were taken away. They weren't even playing with it, but they'd be damned if war in Afghanistan was taken away!

They need a Hitler, they always has to be a Hitler! Otherwise they'd have to look in the mirror and see their own hypocrisy.

And so here's Medium's own Umair Haque, saying that America *shouldn't* leave, that the Taliban, who could barely pay their soldiers, wanted to **take over the world**.

The Taliban's goal is to re-establish an Islamic caliphate, to whatever extent it can. All over the world. And that means terrorism. It's not just going to terrorise it's own people. It's going to terrorise us, too. Us, meaning, the West.

It's a fucking joke, like everything is a Bond movie and every villain is always trying to take over the world. It's a killing joke because millions of Afghan people are being starved right now, all so people like Umair can maintain this fantasy world.

The idea that the Taliban is imperial, as Umair calls it, is just a lie. These small group of literal ‘students’ from Afghanistan are simply not setting up military bases all over the world and threatening the continental United States. We live in a unipolar world and there’s only one Empire with over 750 military bases and financial sieges encircling the world. And it’s not the fucking Taliban. We have a bunch of local terrors, but keep an eye on the Empire stitching its terror into one, global war.

Lets be honest. Saddam, Bin Laden, the amorphous Taliban, these are all knock-off Hitlers. White Empire requires the idea of someone worse than them so they can continue doing bad.

After fucking decades of this, however, the crowds are getting bored. They’ve seen it before. Beating up on poor Muslims was fun for a while, but come on, they long for the good old days, fighting the good old Red Empire.

And so White Empire kept expanding NATO long after the USSR fell, despite many strategists saying this was madness. Who was NATO fighting, after the Warsaw Pact fell? No one really, some random Muslims here and there. What they were really doing was *looking* for a fight.

And so after many warnings in 2008 and 2014—after so many strategists saying parking missiles next to Russia was as bad as the Cuban Missile Crisis—they finally got a real fucking war. Happening to real (honorary) Europeans. After prodding the bear long enough, Russia woke from its hibernation and lashed out at Ukraine.

White Empire could barely contain its glee.

“A villain, a real villain, something to stop all the fingers pointing at me.”

Russian Hitler

And so you get the perfect product for western propaganda. Their population has been primed to hate Russians since *Rocky and Bullwinkle*, and the Nazi victory gets rehearsed on film every year, in more and more fantastic ways. This is a population locked and loaded for World War III, and completely unwilling to see that they're also an aggressive party.

Therefore, rather than maybe sitting this one out after decades of atrocities, White Empire and its privatized propaganda are calling for more weapons, more sanctions (sieges), even a no-fly zone (which actually means bombing Russia and shooting planes out of the sky). They are calling for, in short, World War III. They've finally found a worth enemy.

Marx said history repeats first as tragedy, then as farce. And here we are. Today we have shops pulling Russian vodka from shelves, pop stars raising funds for the Ukrainian military, and white women getting horny over President Zelensky. War is a farce that gives them meaning.

So we get our faithful Umair Haque, jumping from the idea that the Taliban is taking over the world to the much better idea that Russia is. So he publishes What Does Putin Want? A Worldwide Fascist Apocalypse. In that piece of deeply internalized propaganda he writes:

Putin does not care about human life. At all. In that respect, he is very much like Hitler, and the comparisons are apt, not overblown. Let's remember some of the horrors he's been responsible for. Putin helped arm the Syrian government that proceeded to make war on its own people, turn its own country to rubble, and make its own population flee in terror and despair.

In pointing to this bad guy, of course, Umair omits the fact that White Empire is *bombing Syria right now*. That they gleefully drop giant bombs on that sovereign country every day. That they arm their own paramilitaries responsible for atrocities. That they have bombed Yemen and Somalia just this week.

What Umair and these constantly wrong warmongers forget is that a **problem can be bad, and your solution can be much, much, worse**. White Empire burned through all of its good intentions years ago. Now all that left is bad acts.

Even after all the millions dead in Iraq, in Syria, even with all the people starving in Afghanistan and Yemen right now, they still can't see. Imperial hubris continues, unabated. The greatest hubris is calling everybody else empires, while these supposed empires can't even eat or process card payments.

White people—by which I mean anyone who subscribes to this idea of White Empire's benevolence and supremacy—they just don't get it. Yeah, Putin is bad, but *you're worse*. For fucks sake, just sit this one out. But they can't. It's not just the military-industrial complex. The military-media complex also needs blood to feed. As they say in the old-school press, *if it bleeds, it leads*.

Now the whole world is covered in blood, and it's not enough. They want to lead us to more, more, more.

Hitler In The Mirror

To return to Césaire, what Umair and his many, many ilk are repeating is just the logic of colonialism, microwaved into modernity. The scope of whiteness has expanded to include people like him, Priti Patel, and it could have been me. We administered the colonies then, and so we still be.

What Césaire said about colonialism still applies today. The underlying logic is still the same. Instead of Christianity we have liberal democracy. Interesting ideas, used to justify monstrosity.

... Christian pedantry, which laid down the dishonest equations Christianity = civilization, paganism = savagery, from which there could not but ensue abominable colonialist and racist consequences, whose victims were to be the Indians, the Yellow peoples, and the Negroes.

— DISCOURSE ON COLONIALISM

We must still ask what Césaire asked, we must still reject the idea that ‘liberal democracy’ is the new ‘civilizing influence’.

We must reject it not just because it makes no sense to bomb, starve, and occupy people into ‘freedom’, we must reject it because Empire has been trying this shit *aggressively* for decades. This ‘civilizing’ has been proved savage, over and over again. How many wars in are we? How much blood do you need to see?

Modern colonialism is fundamentally the same shit, just covered in new bullshit. As Césaire said, we certainly know what colonialism is *not*.

In other words, the essential thing here is to see clearly, to think clearly--that is, dangerously--and to answer clearly the innocent first question; what, fundamentally, is colonization? To agree on what it is not: neither evangelization, nor a philanthropic enterprise, nor a desire to push back the frontiers of ignorance, disease, and tyranny, nor a project undertaken for the greater glory of God, nor an attempt to extend the rule of law.

— DISCOURSE ON COLONIALISM

And yet here we are again. The stench of all their atrocities was starting to mount again, but then they got an out, through a convenient lout. Just as World War II let them off the hook, White Empire is trying to get off this hook with World War III. After fighting knock-off Hitlers for decades, they finally have a real enemy!

But at some point we have to look not at the finger that points, but at the blood on the hands. And White Empire is positively dripping in it, from head to toe, from sea to shining sea. These are not some innocents here, standing up against big bad Putin. This is the biggest, baddest Empire of all time. These are the biggest bullies in history.

What I am driving at is what Césaire was driving at. As he said:

What am I driving at? At this idea: that no one colonizes innocently, that no one colonizes with impunity either; that a nation which colonizes, that a civilization which justifies colonization—and therefore force—is already a sick civilization, a civilization which is morally diseased, which irresistibly, progressing from one consequence to another, one denial to another, calls for its Hitler. I mean its punishment.

— DISCOURSE ON COLONIALISM

The point is that White Empire is not the cure for anything, not for Ukraine, not for women's rights, not for any petty tyranny. They are the problem. They are the disease. They are a sick civilization, they are morally diseased. They progress from one denial to another, calling out for Hitler like he's their mother. Because he is. Hitler is just them, externalized, that they can ritually pretend to defeat.

As Camus said, "*At the end of capitalism, which is eager to outlive its day, there is Hitler. At the end of formal humanism and philosophic renunciation, there is Hitler.*"

Hitler is not out there in Afghanistan, or in Syria, or in Russia. Hitler is right there, in the mirror, when Empire goes to sleep. White Empire has been manufacturing demons so long that they have become possessed by demons themselves.

As Césaire said:

For my part, if I have recalled a few details of these hideous butcheries, it is by no means because I take a morbid delight in them, but because I think that these heads of men, these collections of ears, these burned houses, these Gothic invasions, this steaming blood, these cities that evaporate at the edge of the sword, are not to be so easily disposed of. They prove that colonization, I repeat, dehumanizes even the most civilized man; that colonial activity, colonial enterprise, colonial conquest, which is based on contempt for the native and justified by that contempt, inevitably tends to change him who undertakes it; that the colonizer, who in order to ease his conscience gets into the habit of seeing the other man as an animal, accustoms himself to treating him like an animal, and tends objectively to transform himself into an animal. It is this result, this boomerang effect of colonization that I wanted to point out.

— DISCOURSE ON COLONIALISM

The truth is that Hitler was never defeated. Why is he still here? Why does he keep coming back, in new avatars whenever he is needed? The fact is that Adolf Hitler was just the rarefied evil of white supremacy, unleashed where it wasn't supposed to be. White Empire inspired Hitler, and it constantly *needs* new Hitlers, to distract from its own atrocities. Without some other flamboyant evil, they'd have to face the fact that *they're the baddies*. As Elmo said in the Sesame Street song *Monster In The Mirror*:

*If your mirror has a monster in it, do not shout
This kind of situation does not call for freaking out
And do nothing that you would not like to see him do
'Cause that monster in the mirror, he just might be you*

16. THE WHITE EMPIRE ARE JUST NAZIS THAT WON

APRIL 2022

The ruling White Empire are just Nazis that won. As Churchill was giving rousing speeches in the 1940s, he was killing millions of brown people in Bengal (whom he called “a beastly people with a beastly religion”). Today as Biden is giving drowsy speeches about freedom and sovereignty, he has stolen all of Afghanistan’s forex leading to the starvation of millions.

Nazis Then, Nazis Now

Same shit, different day, and all the talk of decolonization remains a branding exercise until these people are defeated. Indeed, the branding is all that changes. Instead of spreading Christendom and civilization, the branding is now democracy and human rights, all just different flags to wave over the same imperialism.

As a memo meant to put the training wheels on Trump’s Secretary of State read:

One useful guideline for a realistic and successful foreign policy is that allies should be treated differently -- and better -- than adversaries. Otherwise, we end up with more adversaries, and

fewer allies. The classic dilemma of balancing ideals and interests is with regard to America's allies. In relation to our competitors, there is far less of a dilemma. We do not look to bolster America's adversaries overseas; we look to pressure, compete with, and outmaneuver them. For this reason, we should consider human rights as an important issue in regard to US relations with China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran. And this is not only because of moral concern for practices inside those countries. It is also because **pressing those regimes on human rights is one way to impose costs, apply counter-pressure, and regain the initiative from them strategically.**

— LEAKED MEMO FROM BRIAN HOOK TO
SECRETARY REX TILLERSON

Like a Christianity they don't follow, human rights concerns they wouldn't swallow among allies or themselves become the pretext for imperial sanctions and war wherever they see fit. But it's really just the same shit. Dehumanizing the people you want to hit or exploit, and finding a way to feel good about it.

Please compare [Churchill's 1902 statements about the rise of China](#) to anything about the same 'issue' today:

I think we shall have to take the Chinese in hand and regulate them. I believe that as civilized nations become more powerful they will get more ruthless, and the time will come when the world will impatiently bear the existence of great barbaric nations who may at any time arm themselves and menace civilized nations. I believe in the ultimate partition of China — I mean ultimate. I hope we shall not have to do it in our day. **The Aryan stock is bound to triumph.**

How is this so different from Joe Biden today? Besides the openly Sinophobic campaign ads and policies, here he is speaking at a 'security' summit in Munich (I put security in quotes because it means insecurity for everyone else).

We're at an inflection point between those who argue that, given all the challenges we face that autocracy is the best way forward, they argue, and those who understand that democracy is essential — essential to meeting those challenges. Historians are going to examine and write about this moment as an inflection point, as I said. And I believe that — every ounce of my being — that democracy will and must prevail.

So let me conclude with this: We cannot allow self-doubt to hinder our ability to engage each other or the larger world. The last four years have been hard. But Europe and the United States have to lead with confidence once more.

Substitute 'civilized' for 'democratic' and both of these guys are saying the same thing. 'Barbaric' for 'autocratic'. Substitute 'Aryan' for 'Europe and the United States' and he's talking about the same people. How is this anything but the 'white man's burden' rebranded, spoken from the Aryan heartland once again?

Decolonization

The truth is that Germany only reckoned with its racist past because it was defeated, occupied, and forced to. And even then only partially, they're still a subservient part of the White Empire now ruled from America.

America took Nazi scientists, Nazi leaders into NATO, and the Nazis themselves actually took ideas from segregationist America. It wasn't that hard laundering and recycling the ideas back. The great sin Hitler committed was trying to colonialize *white people*.

As Aimé Césaire said in his *Discourse On Colonialism*:

“At bottom, what [white men] cannot forgive Hitler for is not crime in itself ... it is the fact that he applied to Europe colonialist procedures which until then had been reserved exclusively for the Arabs of Algeria, the coolies of India, and the n — of Africa.”

The truth is that this colonial imperialism has continued, occupying the Middle East, invading countries at will, sanctioning (besieging) places for centuries, couping or assassinating leaders they don't like; using financial and military power to extract resources and labor from the colonies, and hitting them if they get out of line.

This ruling White Empire will no more decolonize itself than Nazis would. It has to be *defeated*, yet this seems impossible in isolated America. The only hope really is that it implodes from within, going isolationist, as it was sorta doing under Trump, albeit quite messily.

Defeat

If there was to be justice for the people and the planet, White Empire would be defeated, occupied, forced to pay reparations, and have its military taken away for generations at least.

We know the solutions to climate collapse—a massive energy shift to renewables plus immediate degrowth in rich/western nations and transfer of wealth to poor countries. But we ignore the fact that this is all *impossible* with White Empire at the helm. The US military is the single biggest emitter in the world. You think these people are partners in progress?

The changes we need simply aren't possible with pledges and commitments, which is why they aren't happening. Instead we're getting rebranding exercises on the same gravy train to hell. Joe

Biden was supposed to be the ‘reasonable’ American President, the one who would listen to science, but what’s he actually doing.

For example, Biden is proudly crowing about producing more, dirtier fossil fuels, and encouraging ‘allies’ to do the same. You cannot reform this. It has to be defeated.

It’s important to understand that the problem isn’t Biden, he’s just the personification of an Empire visibly dying. The problem is systemic. America is Thelma-and-Lousing off the climate cliff, with all of us in the back seat.

Nazis Forever

When I hear statements from White Empire, I wonder what the Nazis would have been like if they had persisted. Probably a lot like this. Their atrocities would be brushed off like British colonial or American atrocities against the world and its own people. We’d be talking about autobahns, or their media, or something else. If it sounds crazy, just think about the distracted and delusional age we live in.

We live in an age where America has been able to kill and starve millions of people and it just gets brushed off. They’re killing millions of people in Afghanistan and Yemen *right now*, and not a blink. Because they never forgot the cardinal lesson of white supremacy, don’t fuck with white people. That’s what Putin forgot, as you can see from the wildly unequal uproar over Ukraine.

Expecting climate action and human rights from these new Aryans (re, Americans and Europeans) is as futile as expecting good deeds from Nazis. They’ll keep doing good propaganda and bad things. As long as the Nazis that won keep winning, the planet will keep losing.

There is no decolonization without defeat. There is no revolutionary change with revolutionizing. Is all of this impossible? Yeah, almost definitely. But what’s the alternative? Politely dying?

17. THE HORROR OF STARVATION

FEBRUARY 2022

Paati's love language is food, and low-key surveillance. She always wants to know where everyone is, and she always wants to feed them. *Achchi* is pushing 100 now and nearly deaf, so she just forces food on people. She doesn't listen to anybody.

She'll dig up old biscuits and pluck dusty, derelict ambarella and just shove them into your hands, both unable and unwilling to hear anyone say *No, thank you. Please! No thank you! Achchi! Please. No more biscuits! Achchi!*

Love down here is expressed through feeding.

Children are fed by hand here well into their twenties. Not all the time of course, but food somehow tastes better when *Amma* mixes it. My mother would occasionally feed me until I was a teenager, until she said my mouth just got too scary.

For birthday, pre-COVID at least, we ceremonially hand feed each other cake. You take the first slice and then shove it in your loved one's face, again often non-consensually. We even do this in office. It's a kinda gross custom, but kinda lovely. It's how we showed that we cared for each other. By literally making other people eat.

Today I watch my children eating, constantly, and I feel a deep pang of horror, and empathy. Because I think what if I *wasn't* able to feed them, what if their grandparents and great-grandparents had nothing to give? Besides the body horror, there's the cultural horror, the horror of the soul. How would we *feel*?

Today I know, *I know*, that millions of people live like this. Millions of parents cannot feed their children. The starvation sanctions that White Empire has spread across the world, they are killing *millions* in Yemen and Afghanistan alone, a great many of them children.

To me this is not just the horror of starvation, emaciation, of your energy, your body and organs shutting down. It is the death of culture, of care, of community.

It's not that people cannot eat in the ordinary, distant, callous starvation of poverty. No, today people live under most brutal siege, and they are besieged for *generations*. All sieges are fundamentally the same, the goal is to starve and sicken a population until they give up and throw their own leaders' heads over the wall. White people just have a new word for it, which is 'sanctions'. But it's the same fucking thing.

White Empire's sieges would make a Khan blush at their length and wanton cruelty.

Today millions of people are being starved to death before our eyes, sentenced to suffer and die under White Empire's most thorough and unforgiving sieges. They think they do it so cunningly, so bloodlessly, like absolute ghouls they even talk about human rights and humanity. They say they're defending women's rights or whatever, by starving their children. And honestly they get away with it, because their own people don't give a fuck, at these horrors that happen with their money, in their name.

But Genghis knows and I know, these are just sieges. Hapless people defied the empire, and so down to the newborn child, down to the child in the womb, they must suffer and die terribly. The message

White Empire sculpts into the rubble is the same everywhere, in its pattern of torn concrete and steel. To modify Shelly,

Look on my Destruction, ye in Poverty, and despair!

To me this distant reality is a constant presence on the periphery, which I mostly don't think about until I feed my children. And then I see it reflected in terrible immediacy, in the upside-down of their eyes. What if I could not feed them? Forget the bodies, how would our *souls* survive?

For every parent like me feeding their child, there is a parent who cannot. And that feeling, that feeling opens a gnawing and a terrible emptiness inside of me. Feeding yourself is one thing, but feeding a child? That's everything.

What would I do to feed my children? How terrible to be pushed, *by the richest people in the world*, to the point where I could **not**? How could I come home every day empty-handed? Because there's no money in the banks? Because there's no food to be got? Forget my pockets and stomach. How empty-**hearted** would I be?

Then I think of all the grandparents with nothing to give, only hungry mouths of their own. Culturally this is a fate worse than death for us, it would be for anybody. These are not just people unable to live, these are people unable to *love*. These sieges are taking far more than life. Their bloody claws reach through the generations, into eternity. God knows, during a famine, even the ancestors weep.

We are talking about an amputation of the *soul* here, and we discuss it as *statistics*. So many millions, happening so soon, whatever will we do? That's the news but look into your own children's eyes. It's all just wanton abuse. Even calling these crimes against humanity, it misses their complete obliteration of what it means to be a human being. To be in a family. To eat.

This is the horror of starvation, to me. I see it every day in the reflection of my children's eyes, as they eat. I see it in their grandparents

smiles, as they potter around the kitchen, while the little tyrants order them around. I see it in their great-grandparents lives, as they carry on customs that seem to us excessive and extreme. This is our life. This is our love. This is our humanity.

And some bureaucrats a thousand miles away, some cowardly bombers behind a computer screen, they say no. Not for you. Not forever. Die for human rights. Die for democracy. Die for every abstract, bullshit value, while they can't understand the simple fact that every animal needs to eat.

So these arms dealers buy second yachts and throw plates of shrimp cocktail over the side, offerings of waste to whatever death god they worship. These corrupt politicians mouth platitudes about helping, burning bullshit at the altar of hypocrisy. These inept journalists make cocktail conversation of starvation, like it's all just a 'take'. Meanwhile they're taking food out of children's mouths right now, for real, for ever, for eternity.

This is White Empire, in its death spasms, killing people at the frontiers just to loot more money from its own citizens. Dropping expensive bombs on the poorest people. If you defy Empire, they'll make sure that your *great-grandchildren* don't get food or medicine. That how deep goes their enmity.

And even their citizens will want to *debate* these sieges, as if it's not just absolute monstrosity, horrors an animal in a cage would understand. These are truly people without honor or humanity. The ongoing starvation of millions, this is their most unforgivable cruelty.

18.HOW WHITE EMPIRE BLAMES EVERYONE ELSE

MARCH 2022

The most powerful empire in human history is somehow completely powerless. Mexico *makes* them do drugs. Russia *makes* them elect idiots. Oligarchs *make* them launder money.

Somehow all the drugs, dumbasses, disease, and dirty money got pushed onto White Empire while they were innocently sitting there. Fentanyl just ran across the border and crawled into peoples veins. A few well placed Facebook ads made Americans lose their minds. And all those bankers just *had* to take the oligarch's money.

Empire is the real victim here. It's last call at the Imperial Bar, and these guys are sitting around, complaining and blaming everybody.

Drugs

Take drugs. America—the capital of White Empire—attracts them like a black hole of despair. Yet this is somehow Mexico's fault.

Donald Trump said migrants are 'bringing drugs' and Tucker Carlson still blames them for America's opiate usage. Even America cinema makes it about scary cartels and drug dealers, and not about the wide range of ordinary Americans *demanding* drugs every day.

These heirs to the Romans are killing themselves, and blaming the servants.

The capital of White Empire is wrestling with terrible demons and they can't seem to look in a mirror unless it's full of cocaine. It's their drug problem, but they have to find someone else to blame.

Dumbasses

This blame game goes both ways. Faced with the embarrassment of Trump, Democrats concluded that this most American idiot must somehow be Russia's fault.

It's the flip-side of Trump blaming Mexico for drugs. The Democrats blame Russia for Trump.

The idea is that Russia somehow lobotomized American democracy with a few judicious leaks and Facebook ad buys. As if American democracy wasn't braindead before.

The truth is that **American** media gave Trump billions in free airtime. **American** social media companies enabled him all the way. And **Americans** voted for him. This is an **American** guy. Corrupt, colluding with all sorts of people, absolutely. Like I said, an American guy.

As Hannah Arendt said (about Nazis), Trump's attitudes "*were actually the attitudes and convictions of the bourgeoisie cleansed of hypocrisy.*"

Since the bourgeoisie claimed to be the guardian of Western traditions and confounded all moral issues by parading publicly virtues which it not only did not possess in private and business life, but actually held in contempt, it seemed revolutionary to admit cruelty, disregard of human values, and general amorality, because this at least destroyed the duplicity upon which the existing society seemed to rest. What a temptation to flaunt extreme attitudes in the hypocritical twilight of double moral

standards, to wear publicly the mask of cruelty if everybody was patently inconsiderate and pretended to be gentle, to parade wickedness in a world, not of wickedness, but of meanness! The intellectual elite of the twenties who knew little of the earlier connections between mob and bourgeoisie was certain that the old game of *épater le bourgeois* could be played to perfection if one started to shock society with an ironically exaggerated picture of its own behavior.

Part of that hypocrisy is the idea that foreign election meddling is some pearl-clutching crime. In fact it's something America does all the time. As Dov H. Levin said,

The U.S. has intervened in the most elections between 1946 to 2000: 81 elections in total, followed by the Soviet Union/Russia with 36 examples of interference.

So honestly, cry me a river. Plenty of smaller countries deal with American meddling all the time.

The truth is that Trump is as American as McDonald's apple pie. It's artificial, it's bad for you, and god knows what goes into it, but that's America. It's not borscht in disguise.

Dark Money

The delusion within Empire is that everybody else is corrupt, and that they just coincidentally come to London and New York to park their money. Cause the schools are nice.

To really understand corruption, you need to follow the money. Forget where the money is being stolen from, look at where it ends up. **That's the den of thieves.**

All the blood money in the world flows into places like London, New York, and Monaco. It buys empty flats on Billionaire's Row, football clubs in England, it flows through fancy banks like Credit Suisse and

HSBC, gets laundered through fancy schools like Harvard and Oxford, even buys peerages from the OG oligarch, the British Queen. Empire even maintains a web of colonial islands specifically for money laundry.

Then they publish 'corruption perception indexes' pointing the finger at Africans and Russians (ie the populations getting robbed) while White Empire and its colonies are **holding the fucking money**. This is the final act of money laundry.

Like it was throughout colonialism, the money gets sucked into the heart of empire, the 'savages' get blamed, and the bankers and wankers get laundered clean. It's called 'dark' money, but the truth is as white as can be.

The Paradox Of Power

The paradox of Empire is that it's supposed to be all-powerful, yet also under mortal threat from its enemies. It's supposed to be responsible for world peace, but completely irresponsible for war. The crazy thing is that the paradox works, as long as it delivers some sort of prosperity.

People will believe *any story* as long as it puts food on the table, but today we're entering a period of global food insecurity, climate collapse, and what seems like World War III. We increasingly have neither food nor tables, and these fables look more and more obscene.

If we take them at their word, **White Empire is already powerless**. They're being forced to do drugs by Mexico. They've lost control of their own democracy to Russia. They've been corrupted by oligarchs and undone by disease. Hell, the barbarians have already sacked the Capitol.

What kind of empire is this even? They're just the last drunks left at the Imperial Bar, whining about how everyone screwed them over, and how great they used to be.

19.HOW BROWN PEOPLE RUN THE WHITE EMPIRE

AUGUST 2022

When I came in through UK immigration most of the people manning it were brown. When I applied for visas they were all brown. When I get here there's a brown man in line for Prime Minister. Upper caste brown people are just the latest people in line for whiteness. We've clambered up the ladder to kick down; never, ever to flip it over and share the ground.

This all seems new and unusual, but it's not. Brown people were *always* administering the White Empire, they never stopped administering it, and the same bad medicine is still going down. *Our* troops were the boots of the East India Company, the mace of the Queen, the enforcers for the white man against our own people. Our elites were the rulers of neutered kingdoms, traders of stolen goods, getting paid off with wealth plundered from our own land.

This shit never changed, it just became more devious, laundered through democracies and 'economies', with coups and the IMF coming in to quell the restless natives and ensure that the blood money only pumped one way. Back to the still beating heart of White Empire, relocated in a multiple bypass after World War II to the United States of America.

As much as I talk about how what white people have done to us, the fact is that brown people have done to us. The fact is that as much as they put us down, we never stood up. Divide and conquer was a hell of a tactic. We still fight among ourselves—our proximate neighbors like Muslims or Tamils or China or whoever—and never once focus our attention on Whitey. Why beat 'em if you can join 'em? Beat the other colored man and become whitey.

As Noel Ignatiev (and others) have written, whiteness is a fluid and ultimately *clear* category. It hides in its fluidity, like water. He said,

*“Another work searching out the origins of whiteness is Theodore W. Allen’s **The Invention of the White Race**. Allen declares that, when the first Africans arrived in Virginia in 1619, there were no “white” people there, nor would there be any for another sixty years. How the English, Scots, and other European servants, tenants, merchants, and planters in the American colonies were assigned a single status, so that the most degraded “white” was exalted over any “nonwhite,” is the subject of his study.” (How The Irish Became White)*

In Ignatiev’s own research he found that *“the striving of the Negro for full freedom carried within itself the vision of a new world for everyone, while the assimilation of the Irish into white America meant merely more of the same.”* His book examined how *“one group of people became white. Put another way, it asks how the Catholic Irish, an oppressed race in Ireland, became part of an oppressing race in America.”*

And this has now come full circle. After the Irish-descended John F. Kennedy somewhat controversially became President in the 1960s, the Irish-descended Joe Biden became President in the 2020s entirely without mention. Irish have gone from being neighborhood beat cops to politicians passing ‘crime’ bills that have incarcerated the most people (mostly colored people) in human history. Irish people

—once oppressed in Ireland and then in America—have become part of the oppressing race. It's the American Dream.

Upper-caste brown people (whatever that means) are on the same trajectory. In business, we have taken over institutions like Microsoft and Google and Twitter while their dilettante white creators run off and drop acid. In politics, we're Vice President in the United States (Kamala Harris's mother comes via Chennai) and possible Prime Minister in the UK. We've got to the top of the ladder and we didn't get there by resisting whiteness. We got there by *preserving* it. By *becoming* it. The one rule of climbing the ladder is that you must kick down most viciously.

I can see it in ads on the tube recruiting for the Metro Police. The faces are of black men, brown women with *pottus*, people like me. The novelty of this deeply hierarchical land is that you can move up the caste system, starting as boots of policemen, the bloodless hands of lawyers, eventually even the 'thinking' part of governing. Unlike a rigid caste system, this gives western caste much more power. As Bruce Lee said, "*water can flow or it can crash. Be water, my friend.*"

By seeing racism as a color we miss its true power. We just end up with colored people in stock photography and even positions of power, while the *actions* of that power remain as brutal and hierarchical as ever. We don't really want to end the injustice, we just want to be on the beating end, not getting struck. And so we end up running and upholding the White Empire as we always did.

Racism is in fact about *invisibility*, not color. The reduction of race to a personal failing when it is in fact a social *success* has made everyone stupider. We are fucking drowning in something and we can't even name it. When we open our mouths to scream, it just fills us up, cutting off oxygen to the brain. As Ignaetiv said:

"The reader will note that I have written a book about racial oppression without using the term "racism." I consider the term useless. As

Barbara J. Fields points out, it is applied to the view that one “race” is inferior to another, as well as to its direct opposite, the view that its members must be held down because they are superior, and has been devalued to mean little more than a personal preference for one complexion over another. The sooner the term is retired, the better it will be for clear thinking all around.”

Within the conventional thinking about ‘racism’ it is impossible that brown people could preserve it, that is literally getting colors wrong. And yet brown *is* white. We’re the next in line for whiteness, just as the previously denigrated Irish were last century.

The fact is that the real color of whiteness is *invisibility*. When a brown man can ‘run’ for Prime Minister with little mention, his ‘race’ has already started to disappear. When another one becomes PM without mention in a few decades, our true colors will be revealed. In a world full of diverse races and tribes and ethnicities, he will be *nothing*. That is the greatest superpower.

Just as diverse Scots and Englishmen and Irish and Italians who previously hated each other became one inchoate thing, so the diverse Punjabis and Sinhalese and Tamils and Gujaratis become that one thing, dissolving like earth into the ocean, rising and crashing on distant shores, becoming the great barrier keeping everyone else out, some of us rising like foam on the ocean, others joining the other wretched poor at the bottom, forever drowning, with only memories of the sun.

Nobody asks what standing on land would feel like, the thought is as impossible as it was to fish long before. What would that even mean, standing side by side, equal distances from the heavens above? What would it mean to stand for a minute and just breathe, instead of forever scrambling up? No, instead of land, we aspire to yachts.

We don’t want to escape the bloody ocean, we just want to float to the top. We just want to crest like waves of whiteness, ignoring the million dead enslaved at the bottom of the ocean, the billions of wage

slaves today, and the fundamental emptiness when you do make it to the top. And so brown people like me continue to run the White Empire, as we always did, in more and more noticeable positions until we finally become invisible. We are the White Empire. The invisible empire. We flow like water, until the whole thing comes crashing down.

20. HOW THE 'FREE WORLD' IS OCCUPIED TERRITORY

JUNE 2023

Once you realize that it's been Opposite Day since the end of World War II, things start to make more sense. In 1949 the Department Of War became the Department of Defense and people believed this lol. At that point the United States occupied Europe (especially Germany), Japan, started war in Korea, and maintained a permanent garrison in the Pacific, centered in Australia. When the USSR did this it was called occupation, but when the USA did it they were 'just visiting'. But then they never left. So occupation it remains, just buried in a barrage of opposite words.

Today these countries are called 'free democracies' or 'the free world' or often just 'the world'. That's how insular the view within White Empire is. What to anyone from the Bronze Age onwards is an obvious occupation is, in our brazen age, called 'freedom'. But look at where the military bases are. Occupation by another name still reeks of defeat.

What the privatized propaganda of the 'West' calls 'free democracies' are actually occupied territory. Look past the words and just *look*. If you have another country's troops on your soil *you're not free*. Saying they're there for your protection is a deeply traumatized reaction to what any honest peasant would recognize as military occupation.

Just as a few examples, the US has been caught spying on the leaders of France and Germany and they just take it. They have blown up Germany's natural gas infrastructure and they just take it. They may or may not station nuclear submarines in Australia, when the issue is raised in Parliament the Australian people are told *they don't have a right to know*. They have of course couped Australia before and are now making them buy their own subs (pissing off France, cause also fuck them). Why? To protect their trade with China *from* China. Does this make sense? No, but Empire says so.

The treatment white people get from the White Empire is still better than the other colonies. When Iraq voted for American troops to leave their soil they were told to fuck off. Japan's own military remains constitutionally neutered while they remain occupied with multiple divisions worth of rapey foreigners. Koreans cannot decide on their relationship with their own families without permission from Washington.

Like vassals within *any* empire, these nations have nominal control of their affairs, but when push comes to shove, they get shoved. When the banners are called they have to supply troops to whatever province the Empire is beating up on, and when economies have to be sacrificed against whoever Empire is besieging, it's vassals that have to bear the brunt. Right now 'for' Ukraine, the White Empire is calling up an un-integratable hodgepodge of tanks and materiel from Spain, Germany, South Korea, and whoever has it. Ukraine gets very expensive coffins while those vassal states get demilitarized. *We are who about to die and destroy our economies salute you*, as these modern Cable-TV gladiators shout out.

The Empire calls 'sanctions' (White word for sieges) against Russia, but it's actually its vassal, occupied 'allies' that have to bear the brunt. Germany gets deindustrialized, the UK goes cold, and India just laughs at it all and resells them Russian resources at a premium. I'll repeat, these are not free countries. Are they free to decide what wars they get embroiled in? Are they free to act in their own economic self-interest? Empires throughout history have given their vassals great

freedom, but they always had to pay tribute in treasure and armies and blood. Please put yourself in the sandals of your average ancestor and ask, how is this White Empire any different?

I'll repeat because it does not seem to penetrate peoples skulls. Look at the map again. If you have tens of thousands of troops on your soil, you are not free. If someone openly spies on your leaders and blows up your infrastructure, you are not free. If you get dragged into random wars and sieges that have fuck-all to do with you, then you are not free. You may have a flag and a currency and a cuisine, but *you are not free*. You are living in occupied territory. It's Freedom© and Democracy™, but these are just marketing taglines on what to any objective observer is just the biggest Empire in history, doing the worst fucking things.

Right now poor Ukrainian menfolk are being sacrificed so that the White Empire can slightly bleed its Russian enemy. Right now the entire European economy is being sacrificed so that Russia can be mildly inconvenienced. Meanwhile the citizenry *within* the latest capital of White Empire (America now, was the UK, it keeps moving) have seen their life expectancy drop well below China and even with Sri Lanka while their elites make even more money. The great innovation of this incarnation of White Empire has been making money by *losing* wars and looting *their own* treasury. And everyone is supposed to believe this is freedom. Everyone is supposed to be proud of this. It's a crying shame. After you wipe your tears, just look at things clearly.

After World War II the United States did not just benevolently take over British bases and colonies all over the world. They occupied the UK. They did not benevolently help out Germany, they integrated Nazis into NATO and they occupied them. Same thing for Japan and Korea, and wherever their boots still be. World War II was a scramble for power and it's just the power of American propaganda (all those fucking WWII movies) that made it seem like it was all 'aw shucks' good intentions. Meanwhile the evil commies (that actually won the war by killing the most Nazis) occupied the Warsaw Pact. But what

about the parallel occupation on the other side? Nothing to see here, that's *freedom*. Freedom™. It's a mockery.

I'm occupied in Sri Lanka. I know this. Our government got color couped and we're run by the IMF now. We've been occupied for hundreds of years. I know this. But you in the heart of empire are occupied too. Do you vote for these wars? Do you feel proud of having foreign troops on your soil? Hell, if you're in America, do you like being occupied by your own highly militarized police? Do you ever wonder why you get embroiled in beating up random poor people all over the world, and get inundated with hate for random places you've never heard of and which have fuck-all to do with you? What do you think is happening to you? Where do you think you are?

These so called 'democracies' are social clubs with no actual control of fundamental economic or military policy. They get drawn into every war and siege, at the price of their own misery. We get to keep our culture and customs, up to a point, but we must quarter foreign troops and/or pay taxes by holding foreign currency (the dollar reserves which fund Americas profligacy). This is literally the same thing that rich land/slave owners in America revolted against as the most brutal tyranny. And it's the system they've imposed on the rest of the world (everyone that isn't actively under siege). So peel the stickers off the life marketed to you as freedom and democracy. Look behind the words and realize that it's been Opposite Day since 1949. The so-called 'free world' is occupied territory. And you're probably in it. The least you can do is claim the few cubic centimeters inside your skull.

21. THE EVOLUTION OF THE HEGEMONSTER

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Artificial evolution is the same thing as natural evolution. Same shit, different day. Artificial evolution happens through the ecosystem we vainly call ‘the economy,’ as if there is anything separate on this Earth, and there isn’t. It’s all connected, which is precisely why ‘the economy’ is breaking global ecosystems today.

Artificial life — commodities, corporations, capitalist empires — exist on Earth and as part of earthly ecosystems. This should be obvious by now because the larger ecosystem is dying, but people are still fucking around and finding out. This hubris all stems from the artificial division of the world into natural and artificial, thus entirely missing the artificial evolution happening right in front of us, and the natural destruction it causes.

This is an old topic for me, but I bring it up because understanding the politics of today becomes easier if you zoom out a few billion years, for perspective. For example, what America is doing in places like Ukraine, Taiwan, and ‘Israel’ seems politically complicated, but it’s biologically simple. Russia, China, and Palestine have resources that it wants to eat, and it makes some shit up which will all disappear into the geological record, like feathers on a dinosaur. All that will be left is bones, pollution, and a trace of radioactivity if we’re unlucky. America is not merely a hegemon, it’s a Hegemonster, and

Hegemonster hungry. Beyond all the politics and propaganda, that's all.

The Great Oxygen Holocaust

I'll go back a bit before we go forward. 3.5 billion years at least. Billions of years ago (bya), there was a huge energy boom, as certain bacteria discovered solar power. They farted out massive amounts of oxygen, which killed off other lifeforms (anaerobic life) and started polluting up the oceans and atmosphere, but they didn't give a fuck. The getting was good, so they kept going. Then the Earth reached a tipping point around 2.5 bya and froze down to the Equator. This killed nearly everything, and it took millions of years for bacteria to balance the thermostat.

I mention this because without knowing where we came from, we have no idea where we're going. We don't even understand what fossil fuels are. It's the same cyanobacteria, etc. We burn the trapped energy that was trapped for a good reason, like heathens digging up the graves of much more powerful ancestors. We act like evolution is some fact we trapped in a book and like it doesn't apply to us, because we have smartphones and toasters. But what are smartphones and toasters if not evolution in action! This seems impossible for us, but life is constantly evolving out of other life, often in forms that kill their ancestors.

If you asked anaerobes of billions of years ago, they'd say aerobes were not 'real' life, that they were 'artificial' or some other epithet, but in the long run, who gives a shit? Life is always emerging in improbable places, in forms that were impossible before. This is how silly we seem denying the very existence of the artificial life already walking among and, indeed, all over us. AI movies have trained us to look for AI that looks, walks, and fucks like us, when this is completely evolutionarily redundant. What is the point of reproducing these weird apes? Capital has been reproducing for centuries, and that's the broader genus of artificial life. And that's what's

running amok, choking us out with its carbon emissions, like those aerobes from aeons ago.

We have artificial life evolving an increasing amount of eyes in our very pockets and we don't even notice. Indeed, we think we control these things, lol. It's a symbiotic relationship, and the symbiote is increasingly coming out on top. Meanwhile our living relatives die in the millions and we think this isn't a problem for us. Meanwhile we're ruled by corporations and we think ourselves in control. We don't know where we come from, what we are, and thus we miss where we're going entirely.

The bias of living in fucking PowerPoint presentations and Cartesian planes is thinking that bigger is always better. The entire phenomenon we call 'progress' is chopping phenomena up into two variables and plotting them against each other. We see economic growth going up for hundreds of years, then natural resources going down for those same hundreds of years, and not put two and two together. The Cartesian plane only lets you think of two things at once, and PowerPoint keeps you from thinking for more than 12 seconds. Meanwhile modern science is siloed out from the natural philosophy. This science without wisdom mainly destroys the world with a few people dedicated to feeling bad about. The whole system misses the ecosystem we live in entirely.

We are part of an ecosystem, not some special species that gets to live in a magical economy with no connection to anything, and no consequences. We don't get to just manipulate nature without nature changing at all, duh. We're not even the first species to get high on its own supply, and nearly kill everyone in the process. Indeed, modern climate change is just the consequences of digging up those same aerobic lifeforms and lighting them on fire, running the Great Oxygen Holocaust in reverse!

Climate change is just one of the ways we have broken this ecosystem, that's how deep our misunderstanding runs (and ruins). We need to rethink this is we're to understand anything properly, including petty geopolitics.

Evolution At War

If you're looking for a history of artificial evolution, which we are, it's not hard to find. And if you're looking to connect it to modern predations, it's in the same spot. Dig up the grave of any monarch, or see them laid out ignobly in any museum. People have been buried with weapons almost since we had either, and you can see the weapons evolving much faster than the humans. To future lifeforms (which may look more like an axe than an ape), it won't be clear who was in charge. Indeed, I'd say the weapons are clearly dominating us.

How else do you explain the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of soldiers in Ukraine, or tens of thousands of innocents in Gaza? Moloch is not merely evil, Moloch is *hungry*. Capital, once incorporated, simply has to reproduce, and that applies to arms dealers as much as any corporation. Indeed, the corporate form itself emerged with colonialism, devouring people and land is in its DNA. You could argue the same about the state in general. Colonialism, once it incarnated greed into corporations, simply had to grow and extract resources. The city must suck dry the provinces or die, and if the Empire goes global, it has to suck it all. Moloch has no morals, only an ever-gaping maw.

Once you strip away all the words about colonial empires — like the colors/feathers of dinosaurs — all that's left is artificial monsters that consume resources. Just artificial beings evolving in a certain environment, then dying when the environment changes. Or fucking up the environment themselves, like our aerobic ancestors. That's precisely what's happening today.

Geopolitics is the wrong level of analysis for understanding world affairs. Geology is more apt. Russia, China, and the Middle East have massive natural resources, that's why they must be broken apart and capital-colonized. It has fuck-all to do with Ukraine, Taiwan, or even Israel, that's just garnish to make the meal go down. Capital's got to eat and Russia, China, and the Middle East have got the meat. That's

all that's going on here. The global tyranny we live under is not so different from a Tyrannosaurus Rex, after all.

That's all the America Empire, the heir to the British Empire, the nadir to the entire White Empire, that's all it is after all. Not a hegemon but a hegemonster, consuming fossil fuels to fuel its inevitable descent into a fossil of its own. Now the fuel is running out just as its pollution chokes the world, but Empire can't stop. Even though the Empire is running on fumes, they've still got enough juice to genocide Palestinians, eviscerate Ukraine, and who knows what else they'll get up to.

Remember that all the reasons for 'Israel' or NATO will disappear like dinosaur feathers. These hotly debatable issues of the day are meaningless dust geologically speaking. The only thing the Hegemonster will leave is a record of mass extinction, pollution, and radiation. America was an inherently fossil-fueled civilization and can only end up one way. As a fossil. The arc of artificial evolution with unchecked energy is the same course natural evolution took. Hell, it's the same energy. Instead of the snowball then, we get the fire next time. That's the bigger story, beneath all the little folk getting crushed in the news in front of us. Hegemonster hungry, but Hegemonster running out of resources. That means Hegemonster *hangry*, which is not good for anyone.

22. AT EVERY CRUCIAL JUNCTURE IN HISTORY, THE BAD GUYS WON

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When you learn history—and by ‘you’, I mean ‘me’—you learn an arc. This arc of course bends towards justice, later. The arc starts with an *age of discovery* followed by *enlightenment*, then an age of *information*, leading all, quite perplexingly to total systems collapse. Where did we go wrong? The answer is *everywhere*. At every crucial juncture of history, the victors wrote the history, but the victors were assholes. **The bad guys won.**

The Age Of Discovery

The ‘age of discovery’ is told as a superior civilization triumphing over an inferior one, with a few genocides and enslavements as mere boo-boos on an otherwise benevolent record. “We did bring you *science*, please shut up”. In truth, it was a measurably *inferior* civilization, the savage warring tribes of Western Asia projecting their violence outwards, brutally displacing civilizations that had lived in balance for thousands of years. These tribes, who called themselves Europeans, claimed great advancements in technology, but these were more like the blaze that comes from burning your own house. They started burning the ecosystem then and they never stopped.

Them being the brutal, enslaving, thieving bad guys then wasn't some anomaly. They weren't good guys that just had to be tough because 'science and knowledge' (the modern justification since Christianity wore out) demanded it. These actually were the bad guys, bad for the colonized, bad for the planet, and bad for the future. The world would have been much, much better off if they'd killed themselves in Europe or been Captain Cook'd on every shore they set foot on. But people didn't, and the relatively meek didn't inherit the Earth, the most absolute shithheads did, and here we are. At the end of it. In hindsight, the age of discovery was an age of destruction. The bad guys won.

The Cold War

The next big juncture is the Cold War, which to me is just World War II by other means. They stopped calling it a war once white people stopped being killed, but across the rest of the world it was still plenty hot. You have to understand WWII as part of WWI, which is the blood-stained colonial empires—the literal spawn of Queen Victoria—fighting each other, killing on their own soil for once. The USSR overthrew Queen Vic's grandchildren and started socialism. WWI and then II completely tossed over her heirs everywhere except the UK.

This big colonial family *deserved* to go down. All of those 'world wars' were just chickens coming home to roost. Hitler's logic in WWII was just colonialism turned on Europe. His sin was not the concentration camps or invasions. France, the UK, and the US continued doing that stuff *after* WWII. His sin was doing it to *white people*. That's what was unforgivable. We are taught WWII as the fight between the great evil Hitler and the good guys of the UK and US, but that's false. It was a fight between a bunch of bad guys, with the USSR being the relatively good one.

That fight *went on* after the world wars were deemed close, because—like the World Series of baseball which only happens in America—a war only encompasses the world if it touches European soil. It's that

western Asian peninsula putting on airs again. The US war against the USSR went on for decades—Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan—with Nazis literally running NATO and right-wing death squads enabled all over the world. Then the USSR fell over because Gorbachev was a dumbass and the USSR was too democratic. Then the US, as surprised as anybody, stood over state socialism's corpse and finally pronounced victory in what was World War II by other means. Capitalism was the last man standing. But they were the bad guys. Again, the fucking bad guys won.

Capitalism—as I've discussed, and as you might have observed—fucking sucks. Everything good capitalism claims (reductions in poverty, life expectancy) is actually the product of rebellions against capitalism. Capitalism has been enforced by coups, coercion, and outright war all over the world (World War II for colored people) and it produced the same natural resource and labor exploitation that colonialism did, just with nominal political independence. 'Democratic' countries all over the world get to choose which capitalist party fucks them over with two settings, mildly and hard. Socialism luckily survived and thrived in places like China, but that is under assault now. World War III is on the cards. Hold on to your shorts. If history is any indication, the bad guys will win again, but I sure hope not.

The End Of The End Of History

Everything we're taught about history has been taught by the victors. As they are the victors, they're responsible for the direction we're headed in, which is total planetary destruction. People have been saying this since the indigenous, since the revolutionaries, but now this is the exclamation point on a very long sentence. These are bad people! Don't let them win!

Unfortunately, at every crucial juncture they did win. They won the globe in an age of theft and destruction and rebranded it an 'age of discovery'. They won a century of war from trenches to coups and rebranded it a 'triumph of human rights and democracy'. Now as it runs into something they can't rewrite—ie the carbon smear we're

leaving across the geological record—the propaganda runs thin, but they're still spinning it. They're still in power. We're obviously careening off a cliff, but they're still at the wheel.

But for us, sitting in the backseat, chatting idly amongst each other, we can at least see. Those aren't our benevolent parents in the front seats, those are planetary kidnappers. They didn't run over the indigenous and the rebellious coincidentally on the way here, that's precisely why we headed off the road of human progress and veered towards human destruction. It should have been obvious from the human destruction of 'discovery' or the devastation of 'anti-communism'. As they say on the show *Westworld* (stop at season two), "these violent delights have violent ends". Given that we're *losing* history, quite geologically, it writes itself now. The good guys of paper history are the bad guys in rock. At every crucial juncture in history, the bad guys won.

PART IV

THE CAPITAL

23. HAVING LUNCH WITH AMERICANS

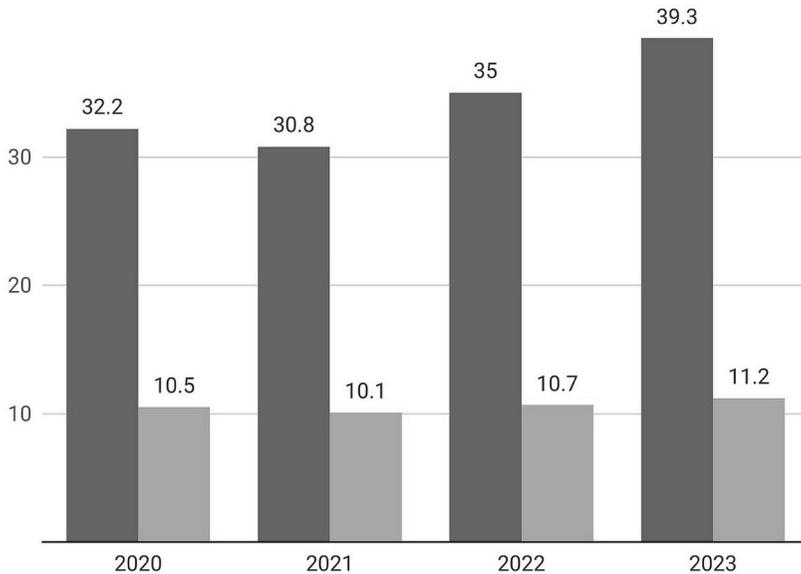
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I was having lunch with some friends (old and new) from America. It was *wild* to me how much money they need to function. I'm talking hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to even think about having a child. My friend earning just sub 100 has gotten snipped because it's just impossible. This sounds absurd to me, but when they take me through the numbers I get it. Capital is reproducing furiously in America, but people cannot. Something has gone terribly wrong.

Economic statistics and human lives have completely bifurcated, but the ruling class only goes by the most artificial numbers. They're flying a plane on instruments, ignoring the fact that half of economy class has passed out without oxygen. Random Substackers have to make these graphs because they're not on the dashboard of the people flying the plane. As Stephen Semler put together:

Financial hardship and food insecurity rates are rising in the US

- Percent of Americans struggling to pay their bills
- Percent of Americans without enough to eat



Figures are fiscal year averages (as of June 2023). Data: US Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey. More: stephensemmler.substack.com

Chart: Stephen Semler (@stephensemmler) • Created with Datawrapper

Stephen Semler

While economists use GDP growth as a topline number, American life expectancy is going down. Which seems more important. US life expectancy is now the same as Sri Lanka's, even though they spend so much more on everything. My country is *fucked* and yet it's somehow a better place to raise children than America. What is even happening? As Malcolm X said, chickens have come home to roost, and the global cancer of American imperialism also preys on its own citizenry. The *feeling* of superiority from their Cable-TV Colosseum is the only consolation. Their lives seem really difficult.

This is the paradox of hating America. I get comments from people saying “*No, but look at me, my life sucks,*” and I have to agree with them. Their country sucks, but it sucks for them also. They have no control over it. They’re stuck in economy class, scrabbling over peanuts. Here I am having lunch with people earning literally 10x as much as me and I don’t envy them at all.

They’re telling me that they’re actively scared of school shootings which to me is just impossible. People in Sri Lanka would lose their minds if such a thing happened. And yet Americans have lost their minds long ago and consider this normal. I remember reading that after Sandy Hook, after *kutti* children were slaughtered in class, that the gun-control debate was over. There was nothing that they would not sacrifice to industry after that. And so now the human sacrifice to machines continues *regularly*. In this situation, forget affording children financially. How do you afford them *emotionally*? I read that having a child is like wearing your heart outside your body. How do you carry your heart outside in a country like this? Better to get a vasectomy.

America seems unaccountable for all its foreign atrocities, but in a way America is its own brutal accountability. The country creates war zones everywhere, and at the same time it *is* a war zone. They’re training teachers to shoot school-shooters first, as if they’re under attack from somewhere. But they’re under attack from themselves. As Malcolm X said, it’s chickens coming home to roost. Except as velociraptors.

It’s weird for me hearing these things because I grew up in an American classroom. I remember growing up in Upper Arlington, Ohio, pledging allegiance to the flag, and learning proudly about the American Revolution. We dressed up to give book reports and I — the only brown child in the entire elementary school — dressed up as the traitor Benedict Arnold, lol. But I didn’t feel treasonous at that point. I felt proud. I got up and sang, “*And I’m proud to be an American where at least I know I’m free, And I won’t forget the men who died, who gave that*

right to me.” I think of those lyrics now and they’re nonsensical. The only time Americans died for rights was when they were fighting each other in the Civil War, and those gains were rolled back almost immediately.

I was a teenager in America and it seemed impossible that we’d have lives like our parents, and it was. My generation are a bunch of debt slaves if we’re lucky, or completely cast out of the effectively neo-feudal system if we’re not. I say feudal because I don’t know what else to call a situation where you literally live in a house owned by a bank for your entire adult life and depend on your job to provide health-care. What is this but a feudal system, except you depend on an artificial lord (a corporation) instead of a natural one?

I don’t buy it anymore, but I left. I think of my compatriots left behind, now yoked to their place of work, with a lot of money passing right through them, going straight to the credit card companies or the bank. These are people who ostensibly produce a lot for capital, but they’re scared to reproduce themselves. Something has obviously gone terribly wrong.

I’m having lunch with people earning literally 10 times what I earn and they don’t seem 10x as happy. I mean, they’re fine, but most of that money seems to be just passing through them like eating too many gummy worms. What is America even, and who does it serve?

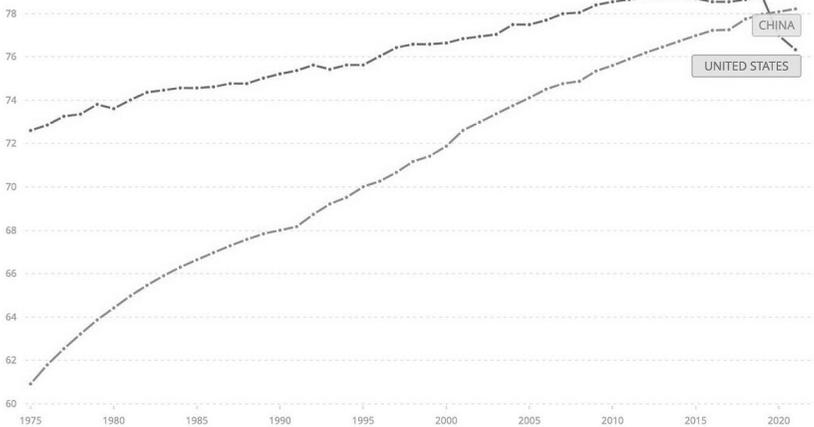
It’s not so much that my friends have property as much as they *are* property. They are really a line on some corporation’s balance sheet, not their own people. They have houses, they have cars, they have children, yes, but all owned by a bank or secured based on cashflows from their jobs. So even their reproductive choices are tied into the reproduction of capital and — given that they’re choosing to not have children — it’s obviously not a very good deal for the humans.

I have a theoretical way of understanding this (corporations are AI and we’re witnessing them chest-bursting out of human culture over 400 years) but it’s still shocking for me to see in person. I’m definitely

poorer than these Americans, but something in my society feels far less structurally broken. So you know what, I buy *them* lunch. They deserve it.

24.AMERICA'S DECLINING LIFE EXPECTANCY

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Data via the World Bank

After COVID-19, US life expectancy has fallen and it can't get up. Americans lost a full three years of life, on average, placing them well below China. Same level as Sri Lanka, actually. At the same time, US children's test scores have also been declining. These are not unrelated phenomenon. COVID hammered a weak foundation and the place is in terminal decline.

And yet people talk about the stock market. Or GDP. It's like a cancer patient that things they're getting swole because the tumor gets better. All the death gets buried in debt. All the millions of lost children get covered up by billionaires acting like children. None of the stuff westerners call progress means anything if your lives are literally regressing.

Life is, I venture to say, the point of life. GDP is a number and money is a means, but if you ask people *why* they do all this, it's to provide for their families. To send their kids to school. To see grandkids. For a *better* life. And that's just not happening. Maybe the stock-ticker on the TV goes up (before it goes BOOM!), but what does that mean when life is visibly declining? What does horse-betting do for a horse? For most working people, it's the same thing.

I remember America's COVID response and they only responded when the stock market went down, ie when it was far too late for the population. Prior to that they just used a human tragedy which required cooperation to just attack and scoff at China. Like a school-yard bully, they were just throwing spitballs at the kid actually doing their homework. The Peoples Republic of China made a herculean effort to save their peoples' lives and they did. They helped save millions across the world as well, including in Sri Lanka. And for this all they got was scorn and lies from the coughing West, the place which actually spread the most infection. Who did this propaganda hurt in the end? Really those 'democratic' populations, who were told to hate China and be *proud* to not expect anything from their own government. What these people call democracy is just a reality TV show distracting them from the fact that their governments are out of control, useless, and actively hate them.

The United States response to decline, in general, is to just hit someone else and hope it sticks. Now they're openly trying to start World War III over Crimea or Taiwan because World War II was how they came up. But even that is different now. Their military-industrial complex — like all their other industries — has been deindustrialized. It's hard to fight a war when you need imports from the people

you're trying to start the war with. As the Raytheon oligarch says, "*We can de-risk but not decouple,*" he said. "*Think about the \$500 billion of trade that goes from China to the US every year. More than 95% of rare earth materials or metals come from, or are processed in, China. There is no alternative.*" Meanwhile America's vassals in Europe are trying to run factories without Russian energy, and finding themselves conquered. I'd say love to say that World War III looks like a non-starter with these idiots, but dogs in a corner are even more dangerous, and these are dogs with nukes and they've used them.

America blames everybody else for their decline (Republicans blame immigrants, Democrats blame Russia, and they both agree on hating China). But who put baby in a corner? As much as the West likes to lash out at other people, they have been a unipolar power for my whole life. What have they done with that power? Looted their own grandchildren, trashed the Earth, bombed a lot of poor people, and for what purpose? So they could live less? So their kids could struggle at school? Even their richest people are constantly 'hustling' and seem miserable. What's the point even?

I compare the US to China not because it's a competition but because they *made* China an enemy. And it wasn't always so. I remember in the 2000s and 2010s, how China was interesting and cool in the western media. That's why I went there to visit. You can still see it in Chinese-language preschools rich parents send their kids to. But when Trump said China is the enemy, Biden dutifully followed along. But it's just a massive distraction. We're faced with problems that require cooperation above all.

I compare the countries because more Americans would have survived if they cooperated with and learned from China instead of just slandering them. COVID-19 should have been a moment for shared humanity, but America just made it into another one of their rapid 'debates' and some ideological question. Meanwhile China just did the work. They detected the disease early and released the genome rapidly, by January 2020. That's what enabled vaccines to be spun out so quickly. China also showed how to do modern quaran-

tines (aggressive and then over) and actually reached COVID-Zero and held it there. And yet many westerners will read these preceding sentences and comment back with pre-packaged propaganda (at what cost?). I won't even get into it. China is not your enemy, Americans. *You* are. Just look at *your lives*. They're lived while you died. And you're still dying in droves. As the Lord said, *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.*

I know that Americans are used to thinking that they should 'lead' the world, but there's actually more safety in following for once. The predicaments we face are shared and, in most cases, American leadership is a big part of the problem. COVID, climate, general common sense self-preservation, America is ass-backwards on all this, and dragging everyone else down with them.

I think to the future when we're trying to survive climate collapse, for which COVID was just a warm-up. Climate change is also just a symptom of a bigger problem, the growth-fueled destruction of the Earth that electric bulldozers won't solve. This is another moment when you'd think we'd put aside differences and work together. But no. Even if you believe that renewables are going to save us (they won't), America is sanctioning the number one producer of renewable energy (China, an actual climate leader). Americans would really rather destroy the world than follow anybody else's lead for a minute. So they drag us all down, kicking and screaming.

Instead of the massive investments in adaptation we need, they're pushing besieging half the world and militarily occupying the other. Instead of shutting down the world's number one polluter (their military), they're pushing nuclear submarines on Australia. Why? To protect Australia's trade (with China) from China. None of it makes any sense. It's like thinking the problem with the Titanic was they didn't have enough guns. We're facing massive threats to humanity and the US is focused on war with other humans. People they should be working with. And their own people suffer for this vanity. They

slumber in the American Dream instead of waking up to the world of the living.

I grew up in America in the 80s and 90s, when all the lines were going up and the dream looked more than possible, it looked inevitable. We were at the end of history and America *won*. As a child a lot of things didn't make sense, but I always thought adults were in charge. As suburban kids in Ohio, we thought the life ahead of us would be good and long. But we were wrong.

The generation I grew up with lives uncomfortable lives in the crater of the baby boom, unable to buy houses and stressed the fuck out at the idea of starting families. That's why I returned to Sri Lanka, which has the *same* life expectancy as America now, despite being more collapsed than usual. If you're going to be in a collapsed society, might as be with people that care about each other and in the sun. I digress into the personal, but isn't that what it comes down to?

Life expectancy isn't just a number. It's life and death. Behind that number lie deaths of *despair*, suicides and slow suicides through plaintive drug abuse. Behind that number are violent deaths with guns, most of them pointed inwards, towards suicide or loved ones. Those statistics bury people dying preventable deaths because they're petrified of medical bills, or people just so stressed by money that it takes years off their lives. Those numbers mean millions of people not eating well, not sleeping well, being constantly stressed by debt and being psychologically strafed by the news. I guess you can pile social media on there as a cause, but I don't think that's the problem. These are deep societal problems which just happen to be mediated through technology. These are *life* problems, or the lack thereof. What Americans can expect from life is just going down.

Most articles like this would end here on some hopeful note, but I won't. As Svetlana in the Sopranos said, "*That's the trouble with you Americans. You expect nothing bad ever to happen, when the rest of the world expects only bad to happen. And they're not disappointed.*" Tony Soprano is the personification of America in decline, and he said, "*I've been thinking it's good to be in something from the ground floor. I came*

too late for that I know but lately I'm getting the feeling that I came in at the end. The best is over." His shrink replies, "*Many Americans I think feel that way.*" And she's right. They're right. As I say as Millennial, I was born in the age of fucking around, and I will die in the age of finding out.

But I'm not an American, and I won't heroin-coat it for you. I'm used to things getting bad, and then getting worse. I have no fentanyl in my fingers, no written opiate to offer you. What goes up must go down and if karma is real, Americans have got it coming. You can say it's 'not me', but I'm a Buddhist and I believe in not-self, I don't even understand what you're talking about.

Life expectancy is an aggregate figure. These are things that happen at the social level and across multiple births and rebirths. Life expectancy reflects aggregate suffering across a population. It's really a measure of a whole lot of shit going wrong at different levels of consciousness than the self or even the extant population. This is not something you can vote (lol) or even organize your way out of. This is a predicament, not a problem.

I'll say it again. The collapse of America is a *predicament*, not a problem. You can't make it out of a predicament, you can only make it *through*, if you're lucky. So what can the average American do about average life expectancy? Dude, I don't know, on average you're fucked. When life expectancy goes down like this, you have to *adjust your expectations*. Life ain't gonna be what it used to be, and it won't be what you thought. America is an empire in violent and bitter decline. Is it any wonder that American lives are getting nasty, brutish, and short?

25.AMERICA IS DEAD

APRIL 2020

America is dead. The body hasn't hit the ground yet, but the lights have gone out, the pillars of power have fallen and it's just a matter of time. The king is dead. God damn the king.

When it's all written, America began falling on 9/11, with the twin towers. No empire attacks Afghanistan and survives, and America was no exception. They remained there and, randomly, Iraq for decades, draining resources, and reputation every day. Not because of their torture and murder and brutality, but because it was all for naught. They lost those wars, just as they had lost every war for decades. Because all of their military might could be undone with a few boarding passes.

Weakened within and without, they finally killed by an uncommon cold. A plague that exposed a hollowed-out, incompetent, and predatory federal government, run by a mad King, presiding over a carcass his party had been gutting for years. The Republican Party had been destroying the idea of governance for decades, it just took a plague to show how successful they'd been.

Finally, they were buried by the Greatest Depression, and fossilized in the silt of climate change. Unemployment and poverty worse than the 1920s, and with an initial response more incompetent than

Hoover's. Whereas a stitch in time would have saved \$9 trillion, Trump's regime of institutional arson and intravenous bleach killed not only nearly a million Americans, it also killed off the entire state. The entire idea of America as a competent empire was dead. It was just a failed state in a Gucci belt.

While the Democrats were able to cobble together a sort of country, the empire—that triumvirate of military, economic and moral power—was gone. Americans were exposed as the dumbest people on Earth, manipulated by the most evil. Power is where people believe it resides, and no one believed in America anymore.

People often say that after the fall of Rome it was the dark ages, and that wasn't quite true. Advances continued apace in the East, and much of the world was liberated from the yoke of empire. In the lapse, people were left to their own murder, torture, and toxicity, which was at least less pervasive.

So America was gone. They came in on a mad king and left on one as well. A genocidal nation of slave-owners and immigrant exploiters who nonetheless produced excellent TV. A rich country full of poor people, a land of freedom and slavery, opportunity and illegal immigration—a study in contradictions if there ever was one.

Right now, the American Empire still walks and talks, but it's more of a slow suicide by press conference. In historical terms, America drank bleach and died in 2020. Though it stumbled on for decades, into a climate crisis of its own making and into the horrific planetary wreckage of its greed, it was dead long before that final blow. It was dead from birth, a lie, a short-lived empire that thought it would live forever.

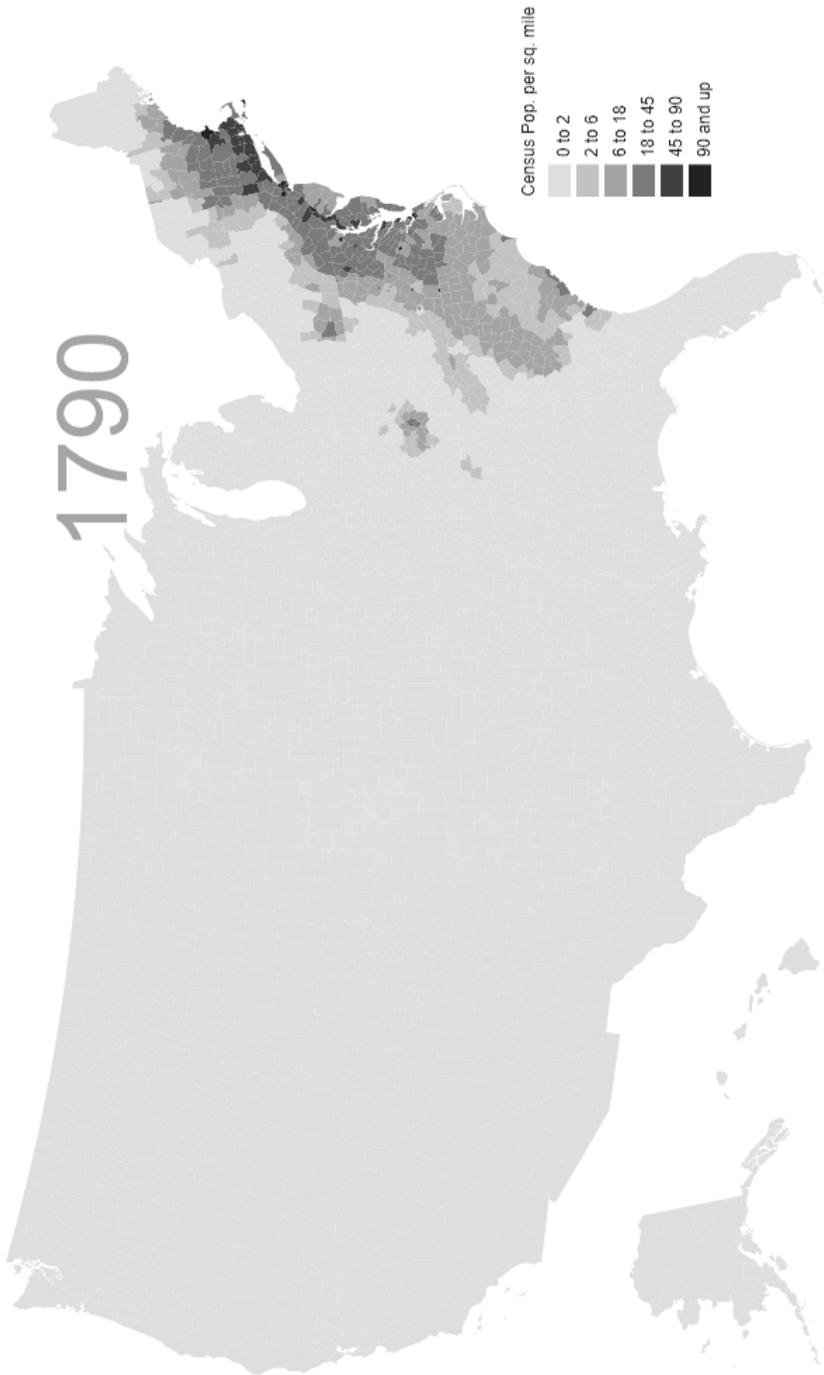
Fundamentally, America was a bunch of white men who didn't want to pay taxes, then didn't want to give up their slaves, then really didn't want to pay their taxes so much that the whole empire collapsed. That's how they'll be remembered. Everything else is propaganda, torn off like so much plastic packaging. They will be admired and

emulated in ways, but fundamentally viewed as hopelessly violent and cruel. As the past.

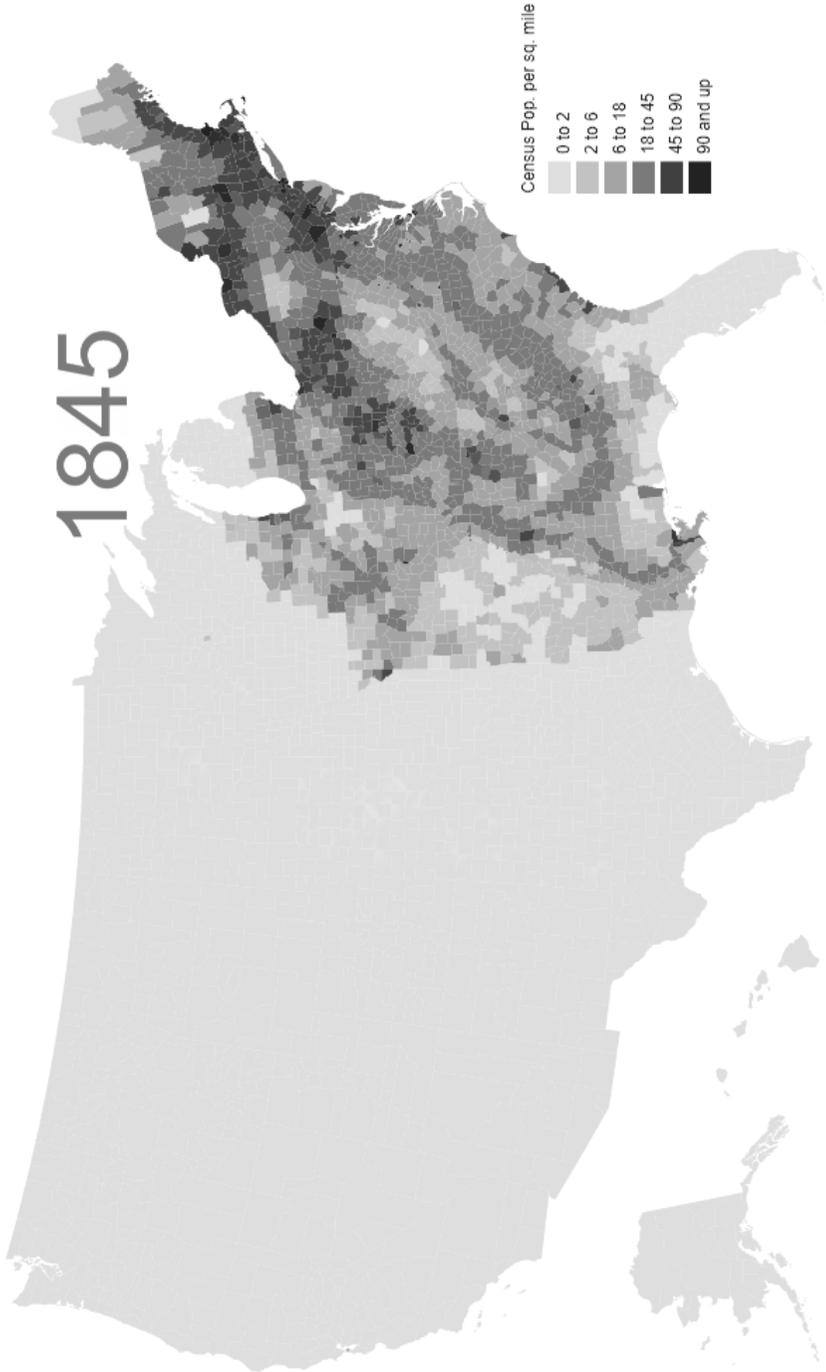
America is history. They never saw their end coming, but in hindsight, it was always clear. They were born in genocide, nursed by slavery, spent their youth in violence, and died of neglect and disease. They called themselves a Christian nation, but who are we kidding, the Americans would have killed Christ in an instant. America is Rome, and like Rome, they have fallen. Good riddance, and thanks for all the TV.

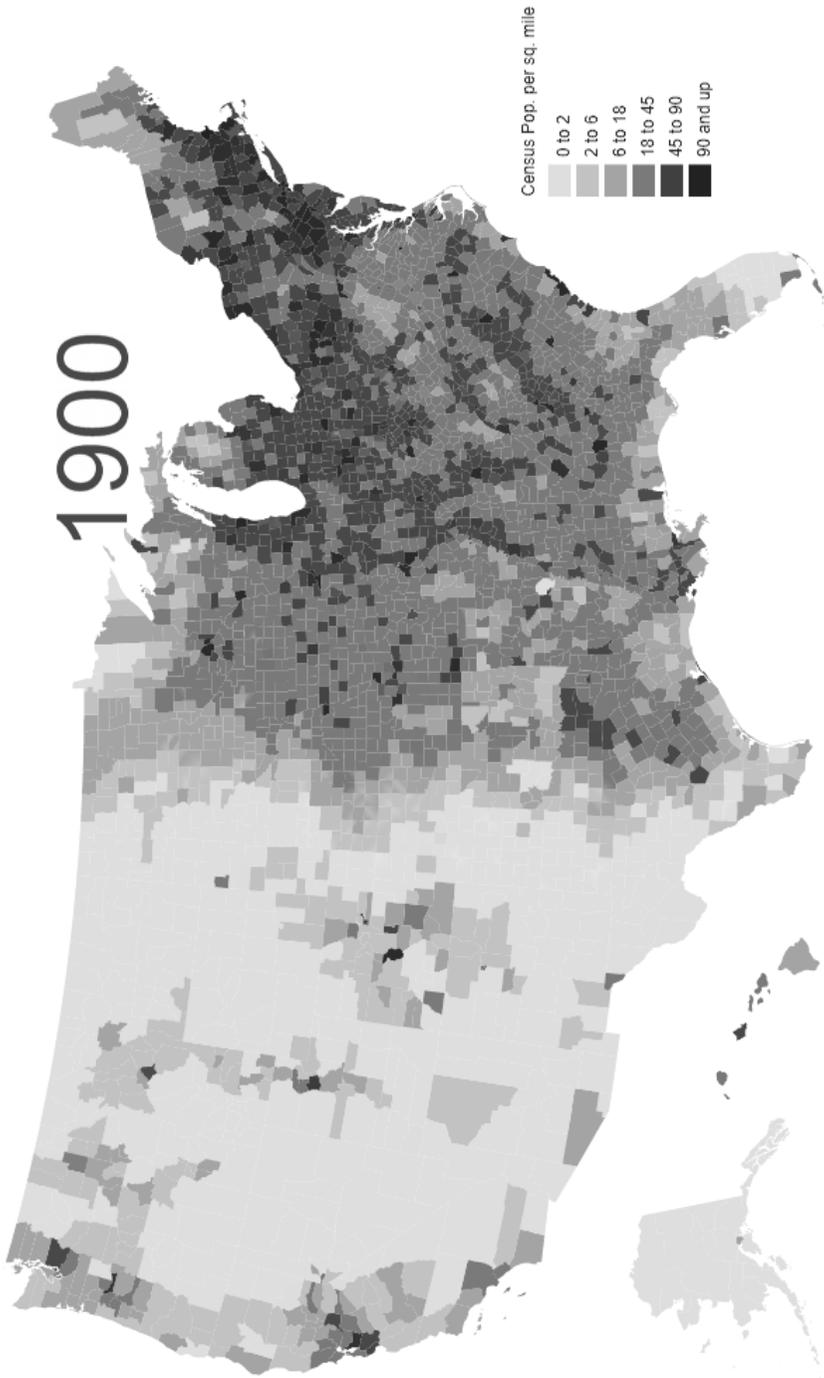
**26.AMERICA'S
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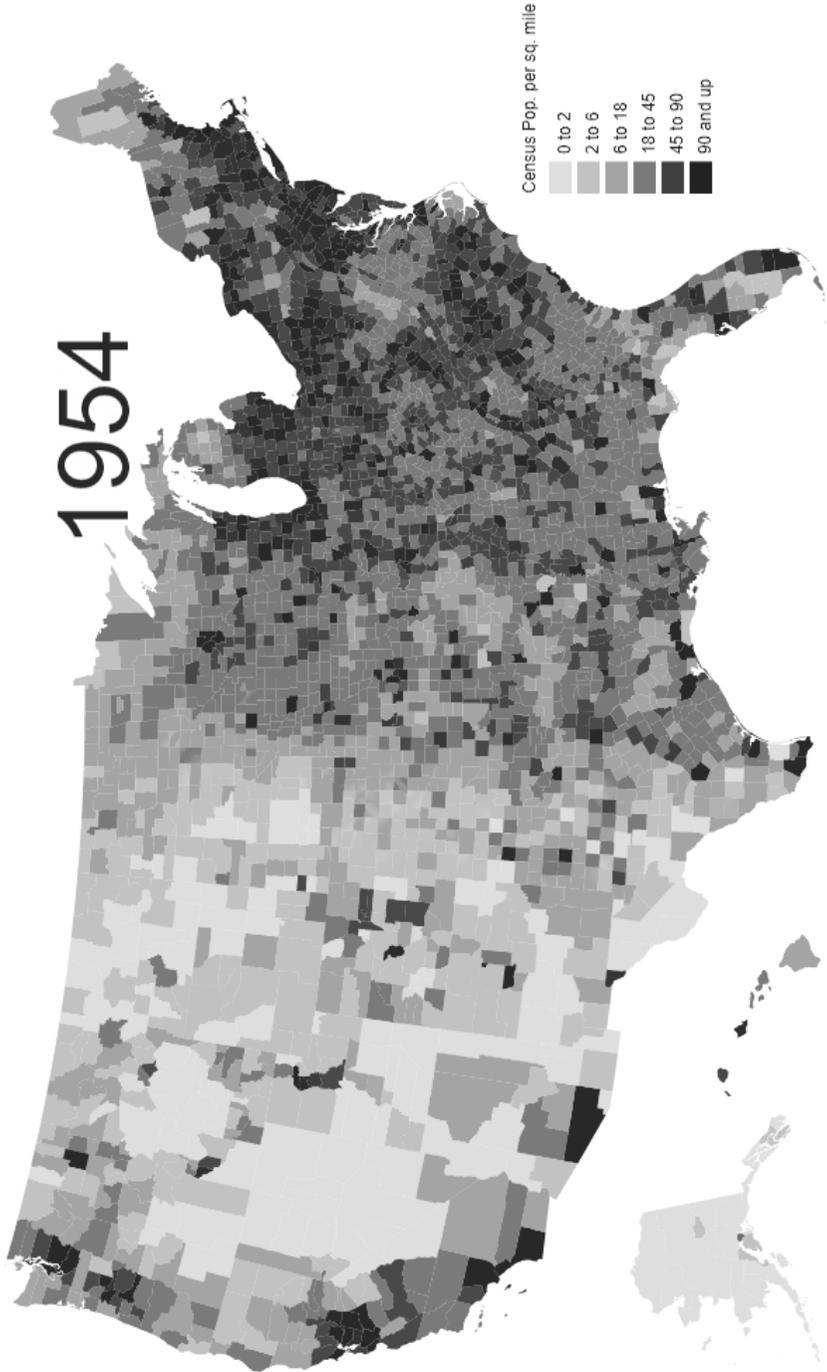
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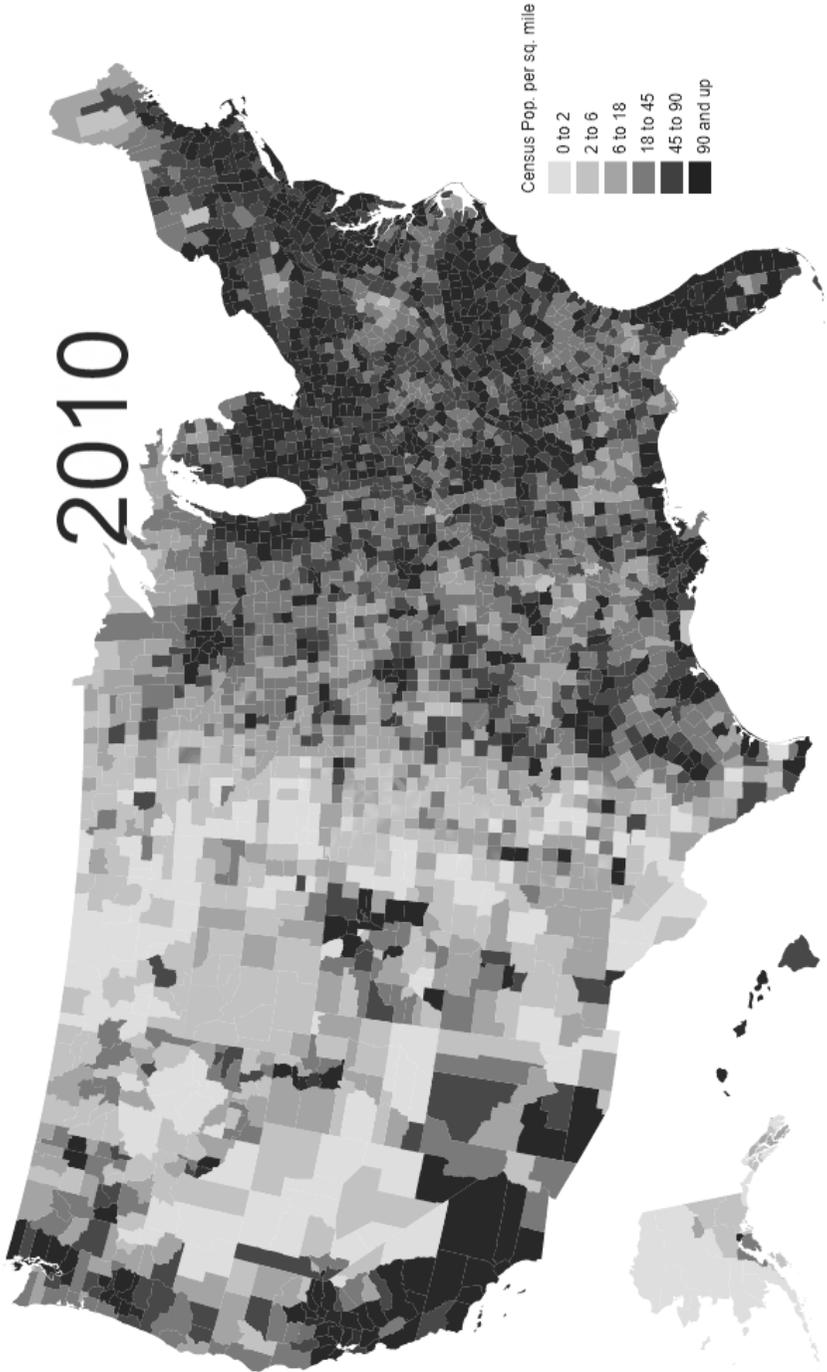


1845









I learned a map as a kid, America spreading its legs from the Atlantic to Ohio and beyond. We studied the frontiersmen who 'settled' the United States. We played *Oregon Trail*. On the computer I followed the whole route of a 'settler' family, fording rivers, hunting squirrels, dying of dysentery along the way. Today I find the whole thing **unsettling**. Today the map looks like watching cancer spread. It's Colonialism in a GIF.

If you flip the previous pages, you'll see that some parts of the map remain less dense. The West, just before the Rockie Mountains. It's one of those effective global deserts. People don't live there. It's very difficult to survive.

That's where the Native American nations were pushed. In Oklahoma you get the Seminole Nation, Chickasaw Nation, the Muscogee Nation. In Arizona you get the Cherokee Nation, the Hopi and the Hualapai Reservations. All relatively independent *nations* of their own. The *native* American nations, as opposed to the invasive one.

The Seminole were not from the west. Nor were the Cherokee. They were *pushed* there, along a Trail Of Tears. They were pushed by a wave of settler-colonial violence—murder, rape, theft, and rabid racist hate. They were pushed at the end of a knife, the butt of a gun, out from under their burning homes. America was founded on a genocidal *lebensraum* policy that wasn't Nazi-like, it *inspired the Nazis*. As Hitler said in the generally unreadable *Mein Kampf*:

Those spaces are only waiting for the ploughshare, and it is certain that Nature did not set those territories apart as the exclusive property of any one nation or race, to be held in reserve for the future. Such land awaits the people who have the strength to acquire it and the diligence to cultivate it.

Nature knows no political frontiers. She begins by establishing life on this globe and then watches the free play of forces. Those who show the greatest courage and industry are the children

nearest to her heart and they will be granted the sovereign right of existence.

Mein Kampf contains the same logic as the the American creed of *Manifest Destiny*, the idea that America could conquer west, south, north. Wherever the fuck they want. They were doing people a favor.



American Progress (1872) by John Gast. "Manifest Destiny, a phrase coined in 1845, is the idea that the United States is destined—by God, its advocates believed—to expand its dominion and spread democracy and capitalism across the entire North American continent."

Hitler really admired the American idea, of not having distant colonies but constantly murdering your neighbors at home.

It may be said that they have the apex in Europe and the base of the pyramid all over the world very different from the United States of America, which has its base on the American Continent and is in contact with the rest of the world only through its apex. Out of that situation arises the incomparable inner strength of the U.S.A.

He said this was the source of American strength. It was inspirational to him. Hitler's real mistake was not that he was a brutal, genocidal colonizer. His mistake was that *he tried it on white people*. Yet if you get over the racism, the underlying colonial logic is the same. *Mein Kampf* just says the quiet parts out loud. As Hitler said, "*the plough is then the sword, and the tears of war will produce the daily bread for generations to come.*"

The German people will have no right to engage in a colonial policy until they have brought all their children together in one State. When the territory of the Reich embraces all Germans and proves incapable of assuring them a livelihood, only then can the moral right arise, from the need of the people, to acquire foreign territory. The plough is then the sword, and the tears of war will produce the daily bread for the generations to come.

Hitler's big idea was that Slavs were not quite white, and therefore could be colonized. For Invasive Americans, Native Americans were *certainly* subhuman, and thus in school we learned about colonization like there was no one there. But there were people there. There were *more* civilized people who were far less violent and had lived in

balance with their ecosystem for thousands of years. America was colonized violently, brutally, and **hard**.

It's fucked up because it's the same despicable logic in *Mein Kampf*, but somehow a noble story in America. What I learned in school, what I saw in every movie, was that Americans were the good guys and the good guys **won**. What I realize now is that it's the opposite. **Americans are just Nazis that won.**

Far from being the freedom-loving nation that defeated the Nazis (as all the movies portrayed), America was the nation that *inspired* the Nazis, which just got entangled to protect *other* white supremacist states. As James Q. Whitman wrote in [Hitler's American Model](#), "*many Nazis, including not least Hitler himself, took a serious interest in the racist legislation of the United States.*"

Minister Grtner presented a memo on American race law, which had been carefully prepared by the officials of the ministry for purposes of the gathering; and the participants returned repeatedly to the American models of racist legislation in the course of their discussions. It is particularly startling to discover that the most radical Nazis present were the most ardent champions of the lessons that American approaches held for Ger-many. Nor, as we shall see, is this transcript the only record of Nazi engagement with American race law. In the late 1920s and early 1930s many Nazis, including not least Hitler himself, took a serious interest in the racist legislation of the United States. Indeed in *Mein Kampf* Hitler praised America as nothing less than "the one state" that had made progress toward the creation of a healthy racist order of the kind the Nuremberg Laws were intended to establish.

What Hitler was most covetous of was A) the racial unity of American state and B) their seemingly inexhaustible *lebensraum*. Living space. For other people, of course, it meant death. And so that is the great

existential challenge America faces today. They ran out of *lebensraum* decades ago. Their racial unity has also fallen apart. Everything the country was *actually* founded on is coming apart.

America has run out of land, it has run out of destiny, it has run out of people to enslave. They're reduced to losing wars, selling themselves zombie companies and made-up currencies, anything to just keep the pillage going a little longer, even if they're only pillaging themselves. What does a settler-colony do when it runs out of land and ideas? It becomes *unsettled*. And so this map also shows the exact fault-lines of a collapsing America today.



I must note that this map leaves out the ongoing American colonization of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, their torture sites in Guantanamo Bay and all over the world. All their military bases (made by displacing people), and all the places they occupy through war or just bullying.

27. WHAT AMERICA'S BUDGET TELLS YOU ABOUT AMERICA'S VALUES

APRIL 2022

American President Joe Biden said, *“don't tell me what you value, show me your budget, and I'll tell you what you value.”* Well, look at the broad 2020 budget above and tell me what values America has.

The two biggest line items are Social Security/Medicare and War. The World War II generation got benefits for themselves and their kids, and every future American can go to hell. And the world can have forever war. America's budgetary values—across administrations—are old people at home and dead people abroad.

The country is a genocidal gerontocracy, and Joe Biden is the walking, creaking personification of that. The past standing athwart the present, completely fucking the future up.

Gerontocracy

Gerontocracy means rule by the old, and America's leaders are old as the color TV. Biden is 79, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi is 82, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer is 71. Former President Trump is now 75. Biden first ran for President in the 1980s and just kept trying. In America you can just fail upwards until you die.

The median age of this 117th Congress is 60 years old, much higher than the national median of 38. They're also much richer than the average American, so they really represent *rich* old people, as you may have noticed during the pandemic. Unprotected old people could just fuck off and die for the stock market's sake, as long as Nancy Pelosi's portfolio was safe.

America has social programs that the 'greatest generation' fought for—Social Security and Medicare. These are now so ensconced that they're called **mandatory** spending. Every latest generation, however, has to fend for themselves. Younger Americans have to pay for everything themselves, *including Social Security and Medicare*.

The people working now pay for the benefits being given out now. Given changing demographics and circumstances, it's not clear that these programs will even be solvent by the time current workers retire.

Hence it's not just working class people that get screwed in America, it's working *age* people. They pay for old people to have 'socialist' healthcare and UBI while living under predatory capitalism themselves.

It's generational theft really. This is not to say people shouldn't take care of elders, of course we should. But the broader principle of '*we should care for everybody*' has never taken hold in America. That's what the budget shows.

In fact, instead of spending on the lives of its own people, the next biggest line item is killing people abroad.

Genocide

Genocide is killing a people, in whole or in part. This is what America has been doing to Muslims since 9/11, and it's still going on. They have killed over a million (at least) and displaced tens of millions. They have legitimized and spread genocidal Islamophobia

all over the world. Now they've moved on to demonizing, besieging, and proxy attacking Chinese and Russian people.

Right now Joe Biden is actively starving hundreds of Afghan children to death. He stole the country's foreign reserves, destroying their economy more thoroughly than bombs, leading to 13,000 newborns dying this year alone. If you don't call that genocide, then fuck off and die.

This is all a for profit industry. Half of the money going into their 'Defense' Department goes out to private arms dealers, who literally run the Pentagon. The current Defence Secretary walked straight out of Raytheon. It's really an Offense Department. The whole thing is an offense to god and human.

Just as the leaders of both parties are rich, old fucks, they are both equally bloody minded abroad. There's not much daylight between Trump and Biden's discretionary budgets. It's all dark.

Biden is actually worse. Whereas Trump at least didn't start any major new wars, Biden is banging the gong for World War III quite liberally. He has worsened historical atrocities against Yemen and Afghanistan and is sowing the wind all over the world.

Like armored chickens coming home to roost, America's war machine has also come home. Since the War On Drugs, the Pentagon has been giving military equipment to local police departments. Since 9/11 they centralized their police state, including a border Gestapo complete with concentration camps for unwanted souls. America has quite thoroughly occupied itself. There's just a thin blue line between foreign and domestic violence now.

If you include all this violence against itself, a full two-thirds of Biden's discretionary budget is for violence. Elected on the wings of the largest anti-occupation protest movement in human history (BLM), Joe Biden did what every American President does instead. He chose violence.

This Is America

This is America. Don't catch you slipping now.

The desires of the American people for better lives at home have no impact on the gentrified gerontocrats in charge. The American people got all the concessions they were ever going to get by the 1960s, and then that generation just closed the door.

The ordinary American's natural disinterest in the world has no impact on the corrupt oligarchy that's actually in charge. America got rich fighting World War II and that's all they really know. So the world gets forever war.

So unlike the Romans who at least got bread **and** circuses, Americans just get a circus. The color-TV generation built a cable-TV circus, where culture wars are endlessly performed. They've been feeding the Muslims to the lions for decades, now it's Russians and Chinese because the plebs have gotten bored.

Americans also get to fight each other, it's all a distracting performance. Their media has endless debates about socialism vs. capitalism, while its gerontocrats have both. If you turn off the TV and just look at the money, that's what their budgets show.

The truth is that America is an aging Empire, well-personified by oldest President they ever elected, Joe Biden. Their budgets serve the past on a *mandatory* basis, but no leader has ever used their *discretion* to invest in the future. And so they have none. Instead they invested in death, and you reap what you sow.

A thousand Americans are dying every day because they don't have a social safety net. Their corrupt government is killing tens-of-thousands globally because that's how they cash cheques. They have buried future Americans under national debt, and *every future living being* under climate debt.

This is a dead and killing Empire and as it both implodes and explodes, why should we have any regrets? I grew up there and good

riddance (though it's going out ugly). There's no values in America anymore. You can see it in their budgets. As Paul Simon said, "*Nothing but the dead and dying back in my little town.*" There's nothing but killing and dying, as White Empire goes down.

28.AMERICA'S ONLY ELECTION CHOICES ARE IMPERIALISM OR FASCISM

DECEMBER 2023

America's only choices are imperialism abroad, or fascism at home. They can blow up the world, as Biden is doing, or blow up their own country via Trump. In the end both disasters will happen, just in different proportions. Biden is *also* destroying America, and Trump is *also* terrible for the world. There is no 'lesser' evil in America. It's just nearer or further evil. The 'evil' in the evil Empire is constant no matter what.

The Further Führer

Joe Biden is the further führer, unleashing his worst predations abroad. Right now, he is presiding over the industrial genocide of the Palestinian people, while also getting his proxy ass-kicked in Ukraine and destroying Germany, like some other führers we know. If he gets re-elected who knows how many more wars he'll start. He's going to die in a few years and he seems determined to take as many people with him as possible.

Biden has unleashed an absolute necrophiliac orgy of corruption in Ukraine and has already moved onto the more comfortable terrain of Palestine, dropping expensive bombs on poor people without air defenses. Being the world's biggest arms dealer is the only Presiden-

tial job he takes seriously, everything else is too difficult. Biden is the last, dying imperialist of a dying imperial order and while he can't win anything, he can certainly kill a lot of people on the way out.

The Nearer Nazi

In the other corner, we have Donald Trump, the nearer Nazi. Drumpf saves his vitriol and violence for borders he knows, like Mexico. Trump campaigned by dehumanizing migrants, ruled by throwing them into concentration camps, and promises to do worse if re-elected. While he periodically bombed the Middle East as President (you have to), he was fundamentally more interested in beating up protesters in Middle America.

Whereas Biden uses Ukraine for corruption, Trump just opened a hotel across from the White House and collected bribes there. As I said, he's the nearer Nazi. Trump viewed the Presidency as shit-poster in chief and was dethroned when COVID-19 couldn't be catch-phrased into submission. Trump ended up killing and disabling millions Americans, but involuntarily (a policy his successor continued). Trump was the idiot President of an idiot country, whose only remaining skill was boasting. Trump can also kill a lot of people on the way out, but less predictably, and probably more at home.

No Lesser Evil

There is no lesser evil here, it's all evil, just in different directions. Biden is a devoted Orientalist while Biden is a Nativist, but they're both just assholes. Biden and Trump are two sides of the same imperial coin, one for export purposes and the other local. Indeed, this is that nature of imperialism/colonialism. It is a cancer which eats at the heart of Empire and emerges as fascism, the colonization of your own people. As Aimé Césaire said:

And then one fine day the bourgeoisie is awakened by a terrific boomerang effect: the gestapos are busy, the prisons fill up, the torturers standing around the racks invent, refine, discuss.

People are surprised, they become indignant. They say: "How strange! But never mind — it's Nazism, it will pass!" And they wait, and they hope; and they hide the truth from themselves, that it is barbarism, the supreme barbarism, the crowning barbarism that sums up all the daily barbarisms; that it is **Nazism, yes, but that before they were its victims, they were its accomplices**; that they tolerated that Nazism before it was inflicted on them, that **they absolved it, shut their eyes to it, legitimized it, because, until then, it had been applied only to non-European peoples**; that they have cultivated that Nazism, that they are responsible for it, and that before engulfing the whole edifice of Western, Christian civilization in its reddened waters, it oozes, seeps, and trickles from every crack.

The fact is that Fascism and Imperialism are the *same thing*, just pointed in different directions. The same people that complain about Trump's Nazism have been the willing accomplices of American Nazism all over the globe. Fascism is just imperialism turned inwards, and imperialism is just fascism turned inside out. People act shocked, *shocked* that Trump might make America fascist, but America is already fascist to the people it invades, coups, bombs, and genocides under Biden. American liberals just don't want their country to be fascist to *them*, but that's just 'chickens coming home to roost,' as Malcolm X said. Those liberals can go pluck themselves.

Indeed, America was founded on a totalitarian fascism so vile it inspired the Nazis, and then — after the WWII — they and Europeans practiced genocide, concentration camps, and all the things they berated Nazis for, with actual Nazis on board. The 'cold' in Cold War only describes white blood when committing atrocities against

non-Europeans. With all the armored chickens they let loose across the globe, the only wonder is why they're coming to roost so late now.

World War II was just European colonialism collapsing inwards, into a black hole of fascism. Hitler, wanting to get in on the fun, found all the good colonies taken and had to colonize Europe. As Hitler said, *"If a nation confines itself to 'internal colonisation', while other races are perpetually increasing their territorial possessions all over the globe, that nation will be forced to restrict the numerical growth of its population at a time when the other nations are increasing theirs."* In this way, Hitler was really the last honest European. He said what Europeans did, and did it to Europeans. Europe was and is full of mini-Hitlers towards the rest of the world, they just didn't like it when colonization happened to them. As the inestimable Césaire continues:

Yes, it would be worthwhile to study clinically, in detail, the steps taken by Hitler and Hitlerism and to reveal to the very distinguished, very humanistic, very Christian bourgeois of the twentieth century that without his being aware of it, he has a Hitler inside him, that Hitler inhabits him, that Hitler is his demon, that if he rails against him, he is being inconsistent and that, at bottom, **what he cannot forgive Hitler for is not the crime in itself, the crime against man, it is not the humiliation of man as such, it is the crime against the white man, the humiliation of the white man, and the fact that he applied to Europe colonialist procedures which until then had been reserved exclusively for the Arabs of Algeria, the "coolies" of India, and the "niggers" of Africa.**

The point is that one cannot gaze long into the abyss before the abyss gazes back. What goes around comes around, chickens come home to roost, there are many pithy sayings stating the obvious truth. Fuck around and find out, this is the eternal law. Americans should thus not be surprised when their country becomes openly fascist, it's

always been fascist *somewhere*, just to non-white people they didn't care about. The world should also not be surprised when American imperialism collapses into World War III, if it has not, indeed, already started.

Americans can honestly shove their ballots up their asses for all I care. The Empire is not going to be fixed, and certainly not by voting, it needs to be resisted by any means necessary, as the brave Palestinian Resistance is doing right now. There are of course third-party candidates on the ballot, but RFK is another Zionist and Cornell West is improbable. It's certainly not throwing away your vote for someone you actually like, and is certainly better than throwing away your historical reputation by voting for either Tweedle-Dumb or Tweedle-Bomb. But let's not kid ourselves. Democracy™ is just a duopoly of disaster, the choice between getting shot or stabbed, with millions more killed internationally that have no choice in the matter at all. I honestly don't have a horse in this race and hope the race-course just burns down.

The only thing on the American ballot this election is racism, and the only choice is racism abroad or at home. The only thing on the ballot is corruption, and the only choice is right in front of you or far from home. The only thing on the ballot is cruelty and violence, either open and proud or lying and hypocritical. The only choice is no choice, because America is not a functional democracy or even a functional country, it's just the capital of an imperial White Empire, inexorably collapsing into fascism at home, destroying the planet on the way out. There is no 'lesser' evil available here, it's just two brands of evil, pointed in different directions. Americans can choose the further führer or the nearer Nazi, and they both suck. It's imperialism, fascism or — best-case scenario — bust.

29. THE POOR RICH

MAY 2023

I've been watching the reality TV show *How To Get Rich* which I want to hate, but I don't. The unfortunate title is not what I think the host Ramit Sethi intended. He keeps referring to how to live *your rich life*, which is a very different concept. As he told one man earning \$150,000 while his mother worked two cleaning jobs, *you're rich, but you don't live richly*.

Indeed, watching from Sri Lanka, all of these people are already obscenely rich. I earn maybe \$25,000 a year but live much better than most of these people. The big reason is that I don't function as an individual and I do not have to pay for (and worry about) everything myself. Down South, the economic unit is the extended family. 'My' house and my car are in other family members names, at least 15 people are actively involved in raising my children, and we share food and resources constantly.

In 'developed' countries capitalism has done its level best to destroy the extended family and replace it with 'market' forces. I struggle to see how this is more efficient.

Instead of sharing a home with family, people waste space or live badly alone and spend gas to see them. This generates profit, but is it prosperity? No. When you live as an individual or a nuked family you

have to pay for every little thing rather than sharing resources. You actually have to spend (and waste) a lot more, which the market likes, but which makes social animals like us miserable. Instead of raising children collectively, parents (or single parents) are expected to do (and spend for this) on their own. In my opinion this is physically impossible, and not good for anyone. Children go from being a joy to being a duty and a burden, which is not how it should be at all.

The fact that this system of atomized individuals *doesn't actually work* is covered up with massive amounts of debt. Borrowing against a future that doesn't actually exist because the waste is choking the environment and people aren't leaving anything for their children. Some of the people on the show have what to me is staggering amounts of debt — \$200,000 in student loans, \$25,000 in credit card debt, huge mortgages, car payments, etc. These people are ostensibly rich but it all blows out into the 'market' while their lives are a constant uphill struggle. Americans think they're kings, but they're really a nation of debt peons. They have even less hope of *amargi* (return to mother, or debt forgiveness) than a Bronze Age slave. Those poor saps at least got debt relief every new ruler or so. Westerners live under one constant regime of usury and all they can choose is the color, red or blue.

All of this is outside the ambit of Ramit's show, and that's fine. I wanted to hate the show because A) the title and B) because most popular media about 'personal finance' makes it all about personal responsibility for what is fundamentally societal failure. There's one season where a young, orphaned man (Frank) in \$200,000 of student loan debt is going through a pile of snail mail that he's been afraid to open. It's people offering him loans, credit cards, and various forms of debt.

This is just a motherless child that is constantly *preyed upon* by rich usurers, and he's expected to think his way out of it, and bear the burden of failure alone? The very existence of student loan debt is crazy, the idea is that someone at 17 or 18 makes this decision that makes them a debt slave for life? It's entrapment. In the Bronze Age

children were taken into slavery for debts and we think that awful, but that's what the American education system has become. And in the Bronze Age they at least got *amargi* now and then, debts were forgiven. Today the average American dies in debt, and then the usurers come and prey on *their* children. It's no land of the free. It's a nation of debt slaves with strong mythology, that's all.

I say that it's fine for the show to not address this, because Ramit's general point is A) about just helping these people and B) helping them *talk about money with each other*. One couple remarks that they didn't think this would be couples counseling, but it really is. Money (and financial 'infidelity') is one of the biggest pressures in marriage and money can be *very* difficult to talk about. I am much poorer than my wife and this used to be a problem until we had health problems that put everything in perspective. But we still struggle to talk about money without getting huffy.

Whereas we have a culture of sharing to fall back on, what I observe on the show is that western couples have it twice as hard. *Within* marriages they have separate finances, where one person is earning \$150,000 and the other hustling for \$30,000 and they still split the bills. Or where one is drowning in debt that the other could pay off and they just don't. People have so internalized capitalist individualization that it has consumed the very idea of marriage and family.

People live in what looks like families, but maintain the rigid division of capitalism within their own households. And they carry so much shame with them about money that it gets in between what should be a sacred bond. One gay man *within* a marriage said that he felt like he wasn't contributing, and refused to take help by saying it was better for him to 'learn' by paying usurers. It's sad how much people have internalized systemic *abuse*. They're victims of predatory money lenders who think it's their fault.

Another couple — also making \$150,000 plus — frets about being able to 'retire' their house-cleaner mother who's still working two jobs well into old age. She came from Colombia to find a better life for her family, and this is somehow it. That man says he was 'lucky to

be born here', but was he? This is the traumatized tale of the immigrant, where America and the historical White Empire destroys countries, and then the scattered refugees are supposed to be thankful for the opportunity to serve as debt slaves within Empire's household. People always talk about migrating for a 'better life' but the real question is why was life made so bad that they had to move.

Now this son of an immigrant takes a month-long Italian vacation after promising his mother she could retire in two years. But as Ramit told him, he could retire her *now*. But the toxicity of the individual is that he'd rather go on vacation and buy a multi-family investment property than let his mother move in and take care of her. I feel inclined to judge him, but after watching the show I actually don't. He is just prey to a bad culture, not a bad person. The family has been destroyed so thoroughly in the West that even filial piety is considered another consumer choice, not a dharmic duty. What a deeply fallen world.

I watch reality TV like this to turn my brain off and the America ones are increasingly dystopian. They have shows recreating arranged marriage and have authors like Ramit helping families manage money *together* like these are new concepts, but they're not. This is in fact how most people have and still do manage the important things in life — through their families and communities — but capitalist society, having destroyed these things, pretends like its reinventing them.

The West constantly has studies on obvious things like 'does having grandparents around help children' and constantly expects individuals to take on the mental load of what a healthy culture should be doing for them. Watching reality TV or reading western news is fascinating because it's watching genocidal states desperately trying to reconstruct a culture. Because they conquered the world and invented all these things, and for what? To live alone in a big house, an hours drive from anybody that loves you? To have all these consumer products that satisfy you for maybe a day and keep you in debt for your whole life? To have incomes that would make a peasant

weep, and also debt payments that give you less net worth than a beggar overall? To have all this money and feel poor? To pay for the things you used to get for free, and call this prosperity?

As the Bible says, *what does it profit a person to gain the world and lose their soul?* Markets go up, families go down, and the planet burns from the hideous waste of it all. The people that Jesus chased out of the temple run the world and *'love each other as I have loved you'* is long forgotten. These poor rich people. They're not living well at all.

30. THE BUCK STOPS HERE: HOW AMERICA IS DESTROYING THE DOLLAR

MARCH 2022

The whole world uses the imperial dollar because it gives us access to imperial trade. We all pay tribute to White Empire by buying forex. Our tribute lets them finance their wars and bail out their rapacious elites.

Lately, however, Empire has been cutting more and more people out of the digital trade routes. It started off with a few poor kingdoms, but with sanctions on China and Russia, it's affecting everyone. Including within Empire itself. They're even threatening India.

We're all expected to participate in Empire's beefs, when all we want is to eat actual food.

Worst of all, Empire has been just robbing people in plain daylight. They stole all of Afghanistan's forex, leaving them to starve to death, in full view (insomuch as anyone gives a fuck. I do). This isn't the first time either. They've been sending a message that anyone can get impoverished by Empire, but we always thought it wouldn't be us. Now we're not so sure.

So people are hedging their bets, all across the globe. Countries are swapping currency directly, not going through the dollar at all. They're even bartering, like Sri Lanka trading tea for Iranian oil. We're setting up our own trade routes—shitty inefficient, trade routes

—but these things evolve. And when they do, Empire devolves into goo.

What happens to an Empire when people stop taking the imperial roads? When they start dealing with each other, instead of going through the boss? What happens to Empire when people stop paying tribute, when we stop buying all the debt that finances their corruption and war?

Well then, Empire's not an empire anymore. It's capital becomes just another asshole country, losers in both finance and war. Indeed, we've already watched its Capitol literally burn. The mandate of heaven has already been withdrawn. Empires take a while to fall, but in the end they all do.

All I'm saying is that the end is coming into view.

Sieges

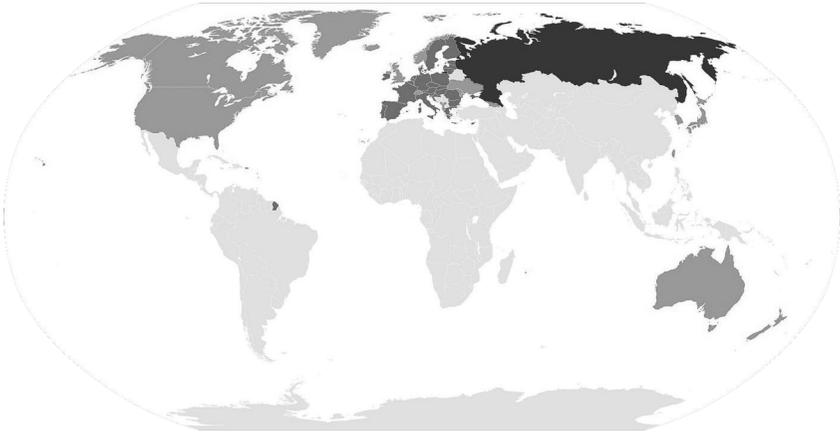
Let's start with sanctions, the white word for sieges. White Empire besieges civilian populations to a point that would make a Khan blush. If you besiege one city that sucks for them, but if you besiege a lot of cities, that sucks for you.

Sieges are a two-edged sword, but Empire has been able to avoid consequences by just stabbing poor people.

America has been besieging small, poor, brown countries for decades, which sucked for them. North Korea and Cuba since the 1950s. Iran and Syria since the 1980s. Venezuela and China since now. The message was clear, if you defy White Empire, they'll make sure your *great-grandchildren* don't get medicine.

Sending this message didn't cost Empire much, they just missed out on Cuban cigars and vaccines, and had to frack oil out from under their own homes. But they have kept sanctioning people, and now Empire is becoming increasingly isolated itself. They've been beating the drums of war on Russia, but look at how the rest of the world has reacted.

UN votes are one thing, everybody votes that America's siege of Cuba is wrong, but that doesn't change anything. Look at how people act. None of the people in grey have followed Empire's sanctions on Russia. That's most of the world.



International sanctions against Russia, via Vik Sohonie

It's not that we're evil countries who support invasions. We're *normal* countries, like the US was before World War II. We don't consider ourselves the world police, and we understand the concept of not making things worse.

Russia is also not some already isolated, poor country. Lots of us depend on them for fuel, for fertilizer, for food. Empire wants us to starve cause they're having a grudge match? Fuck them. We're already having a food crisis. This bickering over borders is causing a full on collapse.

Empire is even talking about enforcing sanctions against *India*, an erstwhile ally. If they're enforced, India will be unable to maintain 50% of its military materiel. While America and Europe continue importing fuel from Russia themselves, they want us to suffer for this distant war.

We've all been paying tribute for security. If no one is safe from sanctions, then what the fuck are we paying tribute for?

Breaking Sieges

Our tribute, our constant buying of American debt, it enables them to not have these worries. They can just print money and even profit from these sieges. But we don't have those options, so we're not playing along with this war.

America's new sieges against Russia have already been broken. Along these faultlines, new trade routes are emerging. China and Russia are just trading directly with each other. Hell, even America and the EU have 'broken' their own sieges, they're continuing to buy Russian fuel.

Empire is trying to tighten the screws, but this risks the whole thing falling apart. If they sanction India *and* China they'd be sanctioning almost half of the world, and skirting sanctions themselves. At that point, what is imperial trade even worth? Might as well be out.

The truth is that this collapse has been a long time coming, this crisis is just hurrying it along. It's like how Hemingway described bankruptcy, he said it happens slowly, then all at once. For example, here's Putin and China's Xi talking about 'independent financial infrastructure' in 2021:

"Special attention was paid to the necessity of accelerating efforts on the formation of independent financial infrastructure for servicing trading operations between Russia and China, meaning the creation of such infrastructure, which third countries could not influence," Kremlin Aide Yury Ushakov said.

Well, now that infrastructure is being used. South and South-East Asia have been doing direct currency swaps as well, as has China and African countries. China's Belt and Road project comprises actual hard infrastructure, actual trains, ports, and roads, all out of imperial control.

Is any of this a replacement for the global dollar regime, for SWIFT, and for all the things that make a globalized economy tick? Fuck no, these arrangements are all marginal hacks, workarounds, they all suck.

These new trade routes are much worse than the old imperial roads, but the imperial roads are full of brigands and soldiers now. The old routes don't exist anymore. We're *forced* into something new.

And so we're carrying wheat on our backs across mountains, fording digital streams, trading tea for oil, trying to avoid imperial tax collectors and banking thieves. The new trade routes are small and treacherous now, but given enough traffic they'll widen into proper highways. All out of the Empire's reach.

And what is an Empire without control? This is precisely how empires fall. Slowly, then all at once.

Theft

The other big problem is outright thievery. We pay tribute in the form of buying dollars, keeping stores of imperial currency. We often even keep this in the imperial banks. But when they seize this currency, what's the point? All faith and credit is gone.

America has just taken money that belongs to Iran and Venezuela. Most recently they just stole *all* of Afghanistan's foreign reserves, dooming millions of people to starvation, destroying the country even worse than all their bombing.

We have shamefully tolerated this ritual torture of poor people for decades, as long as we could trade ourselves, but now even that's falling apart. So the ritual torture kinda sticks out.

The main benefit of any Empire is that you can move goods from one end to the other with relative safety. You put up with all the bullshit for a reliable cup of tea. But what if the Empire itself starts robbing people? What is the point of such a road? Might as well trek through the woods.

Empire was always a carrot and stick kinda deal, but now it's all stick, and they're waving it at everyone.

People are wising up to the fact that not only can we get sanctioned, we can get outright robbed. Our foreign reserve is not safe with these fuckers. On a whim they could just take it all away. They don't keep their word, like the Iran nuclear deal. They'll even turn against allies in turn. China is holding lots of US debt, they're certainly on high alert.

We've all been paying tribute for security. If we're not safe, then what the fuck are we paying tribute for? If people stop or even slow down paying tribute, Empire can't raise money for all of its corruption and war. And that brings Empire rapidly down to Earth.

Exit

I'll return to the idea of imperial trade routes, because that's all this is. SWIFT and CHIPS and the whole global banking system are just the trade routes of today, digital movements instead of actual roads. People used the Roman roads because they were easy, and we use the US dollar because that was easy too. Easier than getting bombed and besieged certainly, but also just convenient to use.

Now all that stuff is getting *hard*. Now everybody's getting hit, for conflicts we have nothing to do with. We're stuck between a rock and a hard place, and what do people do in that situation? They move.

When people stop using the imperial roads, when they don't pay attention to imperial edicts and sieges, then it's really just a matter of time. I could make a lot of money if I knew *when* the buck stopped, but all I can tell you is this. It has to stop sometime. Only a fool would predict the collapse of imperial currency now. But only a greater fool would predict it *never*.

Right now all the signs are screaming 'the buck stops here.' I don't know what the fuck comes next, but all I can tell you is this. Buckle up.

31. UNHAPPY GOVERNMENTS SHOULDN'T BE OVERTHROWING OTHERS

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2023 Edelman Trust Barometer

Trust Index: Trust Stable Amid Economic Headwinds

Trust Index

(the average percent trust in NGOs, business, government and media)



2023 Edelman Trust Barometer. The Trust Index is the average percent trust in NGOs, business, government and media. TRU_INS. Below is a list of institutions. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that institution to do what is right, 9-point scale, top 4 box, trust. General population, 26=nlk avg. *Sweden is not included in the global average.

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2022 General population		2023 General population	
57	Global 26	55	Global 26
83	China	83	China
76	UAE	75	Indonesia
75	Indonesia	74	UAE
74	India	73	India
72	Saudi Arabia	71	Saudi Arabia
66	Malaysia	66	Singapore
66	Singapore	66	Thailand
66	Thailand	63	Kerya
60	Kenya	62	Malaysia
59	Mexico	61	Mexico
57	The Netherlands	56	Nigeria
56	Nigeria	54	The Netherlands
54	Canada	53	Brazil
53	Australia	52	Canada
53	Italy	51	Colombia
51	Brazil	50	Italy
51	Ireland	48	Australia
48	Colombia	48	Ireland
48	S. Africa	48	U.S.
46	Germany	47	S. Africa
45	Argentina	46	Germany
45	Spain	44	Spain
44	UK	43	UK
43	U.S.	42	Argentina
42	S. Korea	38	Japan
40	Japan	36	S. Korea

With all the talk of ‘democracy’ vs. ‘authoritarianism’, you’d think that ‘democratic’ citizens like their form of government. But they don’t. According to the [2023 Edelman Trust Barometer](#), institutions in the US, UK, and occupied territories like S. Korea and Japan are widely distrusted by their citizens. And yet this is the system they’re

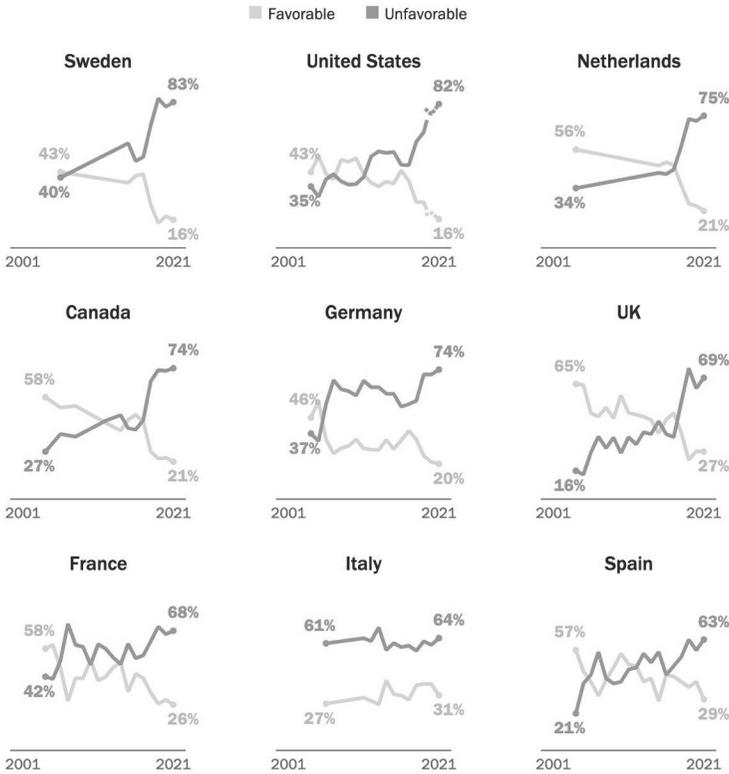
trying to load into bombs and drop on other people. Meanwhile, an ‘authoritarian’ state like China is actually trusted *more*. Much more. Perhaps unhappy governments shouldn’t be overthrowing others.

As you can see in the report, 83% of people in China trust their institutions, nearly double the amount of Americans that feel the same about theirs. And yet Americans are constantly fed propaganda that, however, bad their government is, China’s is somehow much worse, and be glad you don’t live there. But the numbers don’t bear this out. It’s all hot air, blown out the back of an aircraft carrier, hellbent on destruction. They point it at the Middle East, they point it at Russia, it always has to point *somewhere*. Any reason to be scared of somewhere else, while your own life just gets scarier and scarier. The relentless propaganda is like the five-minute-hate of Orwell’s *1984*, except somehow *more* dystopian. It’s 24/7 cable news and social media, telling you to direct your hate *over there*.

Trump declared war (sanctions are acts of war) on China and Biden is continuing it, and their privatized propaganda follows along. I’m old enough to remember when China was positively advertised in the western media because their elites were making good money there. Now they’re threatened and the same place must be demonized. It’s the same with Ukraine — which was widely covered as corrupt before the war — but which is now democracy’s maiden fair. Just as in *1984*, the direction of hate can be turned on a dime, as long as it doesn’t point *upwards*. At the Empire’s ruling oligarchs, looting both the world and their own countries bare.

Just see the unfavorable views of China via Pew Research, to see how quickly public opinion can be turned.

% in each country with a(n) ___ view of China



China didn't suddenly change during this time. The western media just started talking relentless shit about it, and the populations follow along, honestly helplessly. China became a threat to Americas oligarchs, who wagged the politicians, who wagged the media, and now all the hairs on the dog stand up and at attention to some threat over there. Meanwhile their own owner beats them and feeds them less and less every year.

The same Americans who can be very critical of the Empire one day will still rally around the flag when it comes to hating on China or Muslims or Russia or whoever the subject of the 24/7-hate is that week. They somehow can't put their head around the fact that this Empire which they know sucks at home also sucks *generally*, and in every possible direction. People still buy the *'democracy vs. authoritari-*

anism' thing like they bought '*civilization vs. savages*' or '*Christendom vs barbarism*' or whatever marketing tagline the rich put on the same old colonialism. It's old wine in new bottles.

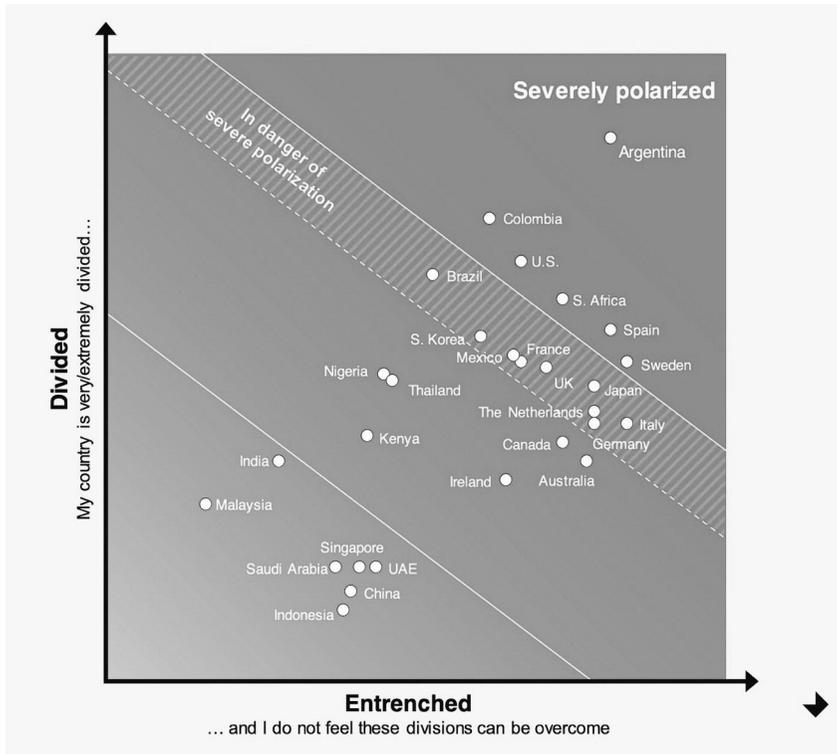
The logical thing that people living under governments they don't like **should** understand is that *other people won't like them either*. But they can't see this because they're not thinking of this of their own accord. They're being thought for. It's not like 50% of Americans just started researching China out of their own interest. Someone else was interested in showing them this story, and how can they not believe what's in front of their eyes. It's important to understand that the media is *all* advertising, including the news itself. Petty merchants can advertise in between, but the programmes themselves are for advertising Empire.

People in the western media environment (myself included) are told to see people in other countries as not people but as hordes that to either be killed or saved (also by killing, so same thing). What is supposed to save them is the liberal democratic system we live under, which we can somehow forget our deep knowledge of in our even deeper ignorance of other countries. And so the dissonant bell tolls. This unhappy governance you live under should be violently imposed on others.

If you watch the discussion about other countries, it rarely involves people in those countries, but rather 'experts', many of them literally paid by the arms dealers. If you understand the power of selection bias, you see that simply deciding to focus, repetitively on certain places has a power all its own. So people from the state release opinions, and state-adjacent institutions release 'reports', and suddenly everyone is talking about the same thing, which coincidentally happens to be Empire's enemies. It's a very effective system as you can see from the Pew results above, but it's all deflection. Because at home, people actually *hate* this thing they're loading in bombs and empty stomachs and exporting.

The thing is that people living under these governments know that their governments suck. They feel it. In the heart of White Empire,

America now, people don't trust their President, their Congress, or the Supreme Court; so none of the branches of government. They know this, but they still believe that everywhere else is somehow worse, despite not being able to find anywhere else on a map. But if they honestly look at their own countries, they'd see that it's not the 'authoritarian' world on the verge of collapse.



The fact is that the 'civilized' West and its vassals are **severely** polarized (re the report again). China is a much more cohesive society, because the government actually cares about social cohesion. Yet this is the country the Empire wants most fervently to overthrow. And replace it with what. *Your* shitshow? The public — while living in this system they hate — somehow believes the lie that China is worse. Like Goebbels said, if you're going to lie, make it a big one. So Americans — fresh of torturing and murdering millions of Muslims — now

imagine themselves the saviors of Muslims in China, literally a Venn Diagram of people they hate. It's such a stupid lie that it's genius.

The fact is that these are deeply unhappy and traumatized people and they shouldn't be standing in judgement on anyone else. Even if countries like China weren't happy, any place that suffers from imperial intervention just ends up much, much, worse (re: Iraq, Libya, I could sadly go on). This is why the UN Charter says don't mess with or threaten other countries, but the imperial West ignores this all the time, and calls it the 'rules-based order', it's just rule by disorder, and a pox upon the globe.

These liberal democracies trying to 'free' everybody are not free nor democratic at all. Being weak representative democracies they have trended, as Aristotle said, towards oligarchy. They are ruled by an oligarchic ruling class starting wars and oligarchic media barons getting the advertising rights. The debt-peons at the heart of Empire are shown their own superiority in the Cable-TV Colosseum while the same oligarchs rob their own treasury for the privilege. It's all circuses and no bread. But the poor peasants don't have the information to put these two facts together. They know that something's wrong because they hate their own governments, but they're constantly deflected to hate others. I'd say that those in broken glass houses shouldn't throw stones, but what else can these wretched people do? In truth, they shouldn't be fantasizing about overthrowing other governments. They should be overthrowing their own.

32. THE MAUSOLEUM OF THE MALL

AUGUST 2023

I'm walking around the St. Louis mall like a pharaoh inside his pyramid. This place is full of all the goods a provincial potentate could ever need, and it's completely dead. This mall is a mausoleum. It's like a tomb with a Cinnabon.

It's not even the malls are such a bad idea. Fundamentally it's just the idea of wandering down a street without getting rained on. It began with people using the new abilities of iron and glass to cover existing passages. Walter Benjamin observed the construction of early 'arcades' in Paris and left a mess of notes in an unfinished book. Among his notes, he noted:

The Passage Véro-Dodat (built between the Rue de Bouloy and the Rue Grenelle Saint-Honoré) owes its name to two rich pork butchers, Messieurs Véro and Dodat, who in 1823 undertook its construction together with that of the adjacent buildings — an immense development. This led someone at the time to describe this arcade as a 'lovely work of art framed by two neighborhoods.' J.A. Dulaure, (Paris, 1835).

It's just that the whole concept got warped into absurdity by the time I came along, especially in America. In America, they destroyed walkable neighborhoods with cars and then *simulated* them inside shopping malls. As consumerism spread globally, it destroyed the climate and now *simulates* a livable climate inside the mall. The simulation devoured the real, and now both are falling apart. Nowhere is this more apparent than in a place like St. Louis.

St. Louis is a strange town. It was a *city* once, effectively the West Coast of America back when flight was young. But now its population and relevance have shrunk dramatically. Everything in St. Louis is way too big; it has the infrastructure for a city many times its size, for a future that never came and likely never will. The St. Louis Mall is thus at the juncture of two phenomena: the hollowing out of St. Louis itself and the hollowing out of the American mall in general. It's an altogether hollow experience.

Wandering this sort of mall is really like finding yourself inside a tomb. All the goods a person could need for the afterlife are here: perfectly made beds, hung clothes, every possible amenity and appliance. Even bored attendants still give up their lives here, though there are few people to wait on. As an 1828 observation of Paris goes ([via Walter Benjamin](#)):

*The magic columns of these palaces
Show to the amateur on all sides
In the objects their porticos display,
That industry is the rival of the arts*

But what American industry is there? St. Louis is a largely deindustrialized town. Very few of these objects are made in America. America has become a good place to get stuff from China, and now they're going to war with China. In truth the center of industrial power has shifted back to Asia and with it its temples, the malls. The largest malls are in China now. Or in the Middle East. Or even in India. What you have across America are increasingly mausoleums, not malls. As Honoré de Balzac said in 1845 (again via Walter Benjamin):

The ruins of the Church and of the aristocracy, of feudalism, of the Middle Ages, are sublime — they fill the wide-eyed victors of today with admiration. but the ruins of the bourgeoisie will be an ignoble detritus of pasteboard, plaster, and coloring.

This is quite what I feel, nearly two centuries later. This mall is a ruin, but a completely ignoble one. Everything was built cheaply and temporarily and it's already falling apart. The escalator is broken, the tiles are chipping, everything is tacky and nothing was built to last... and it doesn't.

The goods inside are just detritus strewn about with barely a person even keeping an eye on them. I'm coming back to the Midwest after twenty years and it's a shell of what I remember. For example, Toys "R" Us used to be a giant, indomitable store when I was young, until private equity took over and, like the Mafia, busted it out. Now it's a tiny section in the mall, hidden off in a corner, literal detritus from an economy that exploded in 2008 and just refuses to acknowledge it. As Victor Hugo wrote about future Paris in 1880:

*No, everything will be dead.
Nothing left in this campagna
But a vanished population, still around.
But the dull eye of man and the living eye of God,
But an arch, and a column, and there, in the middle
Of this silvered-over river, still afoam,
A church half-stranded in the mist*

The only thing he misses about current St. Louis is that it's not a church but, rather, a Cheesecake Factory half-stranded in the mist. But everything else he hits. St. Louis has a vanished population still around, with arches and columns of bygone days, and massive rivers of asphalt and steel still moving people around. But they're not going anywhere. It's a strange thing to grow up in an Empire, as I did, and then come back decades years later to find it entombed in its own decadence.

The whole thing never made sense. How could you have so many products? So much waste? So much *extra*? But it somehow worked. The mall had its own logic of its own: *build it and they will come*. It always seemed stupid but so many people were there, how could so many people be wrong? But now the people are gone and all that's left is the absurdity of it all.

When I was a teenager, I experienced the mall like peasants must have experienced festival days, only the festival was perpetual. But now whatever tall gods walked within those halls have fallen down. Now they must scrunch themselves inside a computer screen or, even worse, a phone.

It's not the people stopped shopping. It's that people stopped shopping *together*. Today, the main communal experience of capitalism is filling a neighborhood dumpster with cardboard. Whereas the gathering site of penultimate capitalism was the mall, the gathering site of late capitalism is the bin. The mall is still there but it's dead. It's a mausoleum.

PART V

WAR

33. AMERICA DOESN'T PROTECT SHIT. IT'S JUST A PROTECTION RACKET

DECEMBER 2023

The entire premise of the Global War on Terror was to protect ordinary people from being blown up. However, the practice of the Global War of Terror was to blow up well over a million completely unrelated people, as if that somehow evens up. It doesn't! In hindsight, the 'terrorists' were/are right. White Empire was the terror all along.

The entire premise of the 'rules-based order' is protection. Protection from something much worse. That's why you get all the movies about 'rogue' terrorists getting nukes, brought to you by the only country to actually use them on civilians. The fear they peddle is, as Leo Tolstoy said, "*only touch the present order and the greatest evils will follow.*" People are supposed to accept living under a global police state because the alternative is worse. As Leo continued:

It is usual, — not only for those to whom the existing order is profitable, but even for those to whom it is evidently unprofitable, but who are so accustomed to it they cannot imagine life without governmental violence, — to say we must not dare to touch the existing order of things. The destruction of government will, say they, produce the greatest misfortunes — riot, theft, and murder — till finally the worst men will again seize power and enslave all the good people. **But not to mention the fact that all this — i.e. riots, thefts**

and murders, followed by the rule of the wicked and the enslavement of the good — all this is what has happened and is happening, the anticipation that the disturbance of the existing order will produce riots and disorder does not prove the present order to be good.

As Leo said, all of the ills America warns us about — rule by the wicked and enslavement — “all this is what has happened and is happening” under their imperial rule! They keep pointing to isolated (often manufactured) evils in other places, and saying this justifies having one evil empire rule. This is like chasing a rat out of your house with a tiger. It’s worse! You can see that, right? It’s so much worse!

The Rules-Based Order

Under the present order, America is *still* occupying Germany, Japan, Korea, and the Middle East. Long after the world wars are ostensibly over, they’re still keeping the spoils. The idea is that they’re occupying over 700 military bases out of the goodness of their hearts, to ‘protect’ everyone. The idea is that they’re *‘just helping out, aw shucks,’* and that American Empire doesn’t even *exist*, is just a public service project. But this is nonce.

The ‘rules-based order’ is just rule by America, and it’s oppressive and violent AF. What protection are you really getting from a ruler that blows up your pipelines (Germany), rapes your women (Japan, everywhere), never finishes wars (Korea), and just inflames new ones (Middle East, everywhere)? What everyone is seeing now, in the final absurd atrocity of Israel, is what this ‘rules-based order’ always was. Not protection but a protection *racket*. America’s expansion was based on *extortion*, backed by violence. Always was.

Mafianomics

America ‘protects’ the globe like a mafia ‘protects’ a neighborhood. “Nice place, shame if something happened to it,” as the saying goes. Then

they punch you in the face, take your shit, and make you pay protection money every month. That's all American Empire is, except you get bombed and have to buy US treasuries. All the fancy economics in the world just obscures the basic mafia economics that actually runs the joint. Into the ground. America doesn't protect shit, least of all the planet. It's just an old-fashioned mafia bust-out.

Rule Americana is just Rule Britannia with more hypocrisy. That's why I call the whole thing one undifferentiated White Empire. To those trod underfoot, who cares what fucking flag is on top? The premise now — as it always was — is to take resources and labor from the global majority, and to make up some bullshit as to why we should be thankful for the privilege of being robbed by such great people. In truth, there's no protection here, just a racket, and Americans are occupied as well.

I say that Americans are misruled as much as anybody because, well, look at them. Today a majority of them don't approve of the latest genocide against Palestinians and *it doesn't matter*. The 'people' running for President are (besides Cornell West) are all pro-genocide. This obviously shows you that some higher, inhuman entity is running the place and, historically, that's precisely the case.

The hypocrisy of the American Empire is that their Declarations and Constitutions are any more meaningful than the marketing of a McDonald's burger. They're not. In truth, the great American Revolution had fuck-all to do with 'the people.' At founding, only a fraction of white people could vote, and most people didn't count as human at all. The only organizing principle was the almighty dollar and everything else was just marketing to sell it to rubes. Once the American oligarchy finished genociding from sea to sea, they expanded across the globe, to manifest some more 'destiny,' upon everyone.

Corporate AI

It's important to know *who* exactly to blame not to excuse American elites per se, but to know your enemy. As I said America was born out

of an oligarchic revolution, but it's worse than that. America isn't even run by rich people, it's run by corporations, who are both legal persons and total psychopaths. America and, thus, the White Empire is run by corporations. The comprador class of 'shareholders' and 'directors' merely carry out this hostile AI's metabolic functions, and there's as replaceable as the bacteria in your gut.

In truth, even these 'rich' people don't direct shit at all. They're just cogs in the cybernetic machines called corporations. We are *already* ruled by malevolent AI, American people as much as anybody. As mentioned, a majority of Americans doesn't even approve of the current genocide of Palestine, and *it doesn't matter*. America is ruled by the powers that be, and they want their militarized parking spot near the gas station, so fuck Palestinians, fuck the world, and fuck Americans too. There's really only one law in the 'rules-based order' and it's "*fuck you, pay me*," as Henry Hill said in *Goodfellas*.

Mechanical Mafia

The fact is that we are all ruled by a *mechanical* mafia, which uses politicians like cogs, businessmen like grease, and everybody (and everything) else are just marks. All the politicians are paid off, and the people paying do it through corporations. As western law has established for centuries, corporations are legal people and *that's* who actually runs the place. The only thing that matters to these Leviathans is money and the metabolic processes of money (ie, the reproduction of capital). Everything else — human prosperity, human life, animal life, the living planet — is at best secondary and, at worst, erased when inconvenient. As is happening now.

The Brain-Fart Of 'Enlightenment'

What birthed this abomination, this *douchebag ex machina*? Well, western philosophy, of course. The great brain-fart of the faux enlightenment was "*I think, therefore I am*." Under this 'logic', Europeans excluded most of humanity, all of animality, and everything

else from the very category of existence, and proceeded to exploit all of the above mercilessly because.

The violent tribes of Europe then incarnated their greed into corporations, starting with the Dutch East India Company, the first IPO in 1602. Legally, this stretched *'I think, therefore I am'* into absurdity because corporations became 'legal persons,' thinking machines. And they *were*, certainly more than the colored people they conquered, and animals they skinned for profit. These stinking, thinking machines could carry out most human transactions, and even inhuman ones, like genocide and slavery, all with limited liability, of course. They created a Golem and, like the story goes, it turned on everyone soon enough. 400+ years later, here we are, ruled by a mechanical mafia, witnessing the bust-out of *centuries*. The collapse of Western Civilization which, while well-deserved, is falling on the people that deserve it least of all.

What we are witnessing is the end of a *planetary* Ponzi scheme. Obscene amounts of temporary capital were created in an artificial world called 'the economy' while the actual world was busted out. All the growth, all the innovation, it has all been stolen from the past, or borrowed on credit from the future. From oil made by our ancestors, or from resources our progeny won't have at all.

Under the colonialism still squashing us, the land was stolen from people that shared it. It was 'privatized' by greedy white men, and their greed incarnate in corporate form. The creatures on the land were stolen too, used for labor, meat, and skin, or just discarded. The inheritance *from* billions of years ago and the inheritance *of* billions of creatures not-yet born was all stolen.

The mechanical mafia used this theft — from the future and the past — to party and gorge for a few hundred years, but now it's all coming down. All that's left is debts that cannot be paid — debts to the planet, to the future, to the gods themselves. It's a classic bust-out, and what do you do at the end of a bust-out. As Henry Hill said, *you light a match.*

The Burning Sensation

Perhaps, in an unconscious way, America knew that Empire was done in 2001. However it happened, getting hit in its military (Pentagon) and financial (World Trade Center) horcruxes was a gut shot to Empire, and the mandate of heaven was withdrawn.

History will date the fall America to 9/11 because that's when barbarians sacked the place. America lashed out, in a blind terror, becoming the terrorism they said they found. Like a wounded animal, they attacked completely random places and unrelated people, millions upon millions of innocents. Thus they incinerated whatever credit they had for 'fighting terrorism', along with their military reputation when they lost to dudes in Toyota Hiluxes. How can these people offer protection? They can't even protect themselves. That's when the protection racket began falling apart.

Now history is repeating again, another blow to the invincibility of Empire, in their most oppressive colony of Israel. The Al Aqsa Flood of October 7th was a bold and proportional military hit on an occupying power, which was embarrassingly caught with its pants down. Israel and the Western media tried to spin this as a brutal, raping, terrorist attack but it wasn't. There was no evidence of brutality, none of rape, and most of the targets were military. The 9/11 playbook doesn't work anymore and, anyways, the world has changed and Empire has fallen.

Whereas the premise of the Global War of Terror was protecting civilians from terrorism, Israel's response to Hamas (et al) was pure terrorism. If terrorism isn't bombing homes and hospitals, what does terrorism even mean? Meanwhile the supposed 'terrorists; of Hamas and Hezbollah are attacking military targets, negotiating, and being generally reasonable. 'Terrorists' are acting like statesmen and statesmen are acting like terrorists. I'd say the world has gone topsy-turvy, but in truth I was just standing on my head the whole time. This is how the world always was. Empire always sucked.

Empire never protected shit. It was always a protection *racket*. Empire never built anything lasting, like a pyramid. It was always a pyramid *scheme*. Now the whole pyramid is collapsing in front of our eyes, with 10,000 children buried underneath, and that's just the beginning of the fall. Add a million species, a billion sentient beings, and a trillion creatures that will never exist at all. Now pile them under the vanity of some fuckers saying "*I think, therefore I am,*" and incarnating this inanity into world-devouring machines. That's the collapse we're living through, right now. Empire is going bust, and the planet they busted-out is collapsing at the same time. We live in interesting times and, as the saying goes, it's a curse.

34.AMERICAN TROOPS ARE LOSERS AND SUCKERS

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The unipolar world is cracking like polar ice. Fractures are starting to appear all across the great expanse of White. Wars have been lost, treasure has been stolen in broad daylight. Enemies like Russia have started taking territory outright. Vassals like India and Saudi Arabia started defying imperial sanctions. Allies don't have stomach for a fight.

People ask how the *American* states will break apart, which is only part of it. That's like asking what will happen to Rome, when we're talking about the whole Roman Empire. White Empire is actually much bigger than its capital which, incidentally, the barbarians are already inside. We're talking about a unipolar *world*, and just listen, cracks are starting to spread from side to side.

White Empire

First, to repeat myself, what is White Empire? What do I mean?

White Empire is the term I use to refer to the devil which goes by many names. 'The west', 'the international community', 'liberal democracies', the 'developed world'.

You hear these synonyms frequently in western media, but how is it an empire? Well, in the most obvious ways. Since time immemorial, empire has been defined by troops and treasure. And so it remains.

Show any Caesar the 800+ military garrisons America maintains and he'd be like "*nice empire, bro.*" Show his Treasurer everyone buying dollars and he'd recognize imperial tribute ergo. Then there's all the blood around the edges. That's what makes Empire's borders plain. Like the Devil, the greatest trick White Empire ever pulled was convincing the world it didn't exist. But exist it does. White Empire is a thing.

Like most empires, White Empires is loose and baggy robe, a mix of direct and indirect rule, tribute and theft, bribing and cajoling. The general rule, since the 'Game Of Thrones' era is sending troops when called. And in imperial wars like Afghanistan and Iraq, we've seen who bends the knee and comes. It's called NATO.

American conquests after World War II solidified into this White Empire, backed by the financial hegemony that came after that world war also.

As Stephen Howe said in *Empire: A Very Short Introduction*: "*Most analysts, then, seem to agree that an empire is formed, most often by conquest, out of a dominant 'core' and a dominated, often economically exploited 'periphery.'*" Now just look around White Empire and tell me you don't see the same.

Center

At the **center** you have America, the imperial capital and core. Around it you have faithful vassals, like Canada doing whatever it's told. Then there's the spiritual homeland of Europe, which America occupied and took over. Finally there's the outer core like Japan, South Korea, and the Emirates, places allowed to get wealthy as long as they provide material plenty, garrisoned with huge American bases and under American military control.

What unites these satraps, provinces, or governates is that, while they have a lot of independence, they remain tightly integrated with Empire's financial and military dominance. They get benefits and just have to shed a drop of blood now and then, like when they were called up in the Terror Wars. These are Empire's banner men, and they show up when the banners are called.

Periphery

Around this pole of power, you have a loose and spinning **periphery**, countries that supply cheap labor and goods, but have second-class passports and generally get screwed. This includes everyone from India to Mexico to Brazil, more independent countries that still get sanctioned, demonized, or coup'd if they don't follow along.

Pariahs

Finally what gives Empire definition are the warzones that must be periodically bombed and forever besieged. These are pariah states like Cuba, Iran, Venezuela, North Korea, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan etc. Invaded at will, regularly starved, cut off from imperial trade, murdered and tortured for sport. These are Empire's borderlands, and the borders are drawn in blood.

Thin Ice

Most talk of Empire collapsing is about *America* collapsing, but this is thinking too small. In this article I won't even get into whether California splits off, or Florida panhandles America in the face. This isn't the 1850s anymore, Empire's become a much bigger place.

Just look at a map of murder and money, and look at what western media is always talking about. 'High-income countries', 'industrialized countries', these are all terms of art that obscure a more simple name. White Empire. The cold and cracking Global North.

The fact is that after World War II, America inherited the old colonial empires and thought *this is nice*. They never drew down after WWII and so they find themselves overextended and on thin ice.

And now, like every empire in human history, they find themselves distended and overextended. And the ice is beginning to crack.

As Pink Floyd said:

*If you should go skating
On the thin ice of modern life
Dragging behind you, the silent reproach
Of a million tear stained eyes
Don't be surprised when a crack in the ice
Appears under your feet
You'll slip out of your depth and out of your mind
With your fear flowing out behind you
As you claw the thin ice*

In this case the ice started cracking around the edges first, with military losses in Afghanistan, Iraq, destroying whatever military reputation the empire had left after Vietnam. Not to mention the *tens* of millions of tear stained eyes. They went on an absolute murdering rampage after 9/11, attacking Muslims indiscriminately, without honor or humanity.

And then this supposed greatest military got their ass handed to them by students in Toyota Hiluxes. After the humiliation of 9/11, they also got humiliated in taking revenge. Seeing these cracks in imperial power, Russia thought they'd break off a piece, knowing that Empire was fundamentally weak. So they first took Crimea and now chunks of eastern Ukraine. Ukraine the faithful vassal, which helped invade Iraq, found themselves invaded in turn.

Empire tried to stamp its foot down, but this just cracked the ice even more. Instead of following the imperial edict to impose sanctions, countries like Saudi Arabia, India, and China went over Empire's head, trading in rubles and yuan. Now Russia is demanding that

Europe pay for energy in *rubles* also. This is a direct threat to dollar hegemony, the last leg Empire has to stand on.

It's important to understand that the dollars status as a reserve currency is really just a modern tribute system. Every country buys dollars to buy commodities. Using dollars is the effective tax for using imperial trade routes. That money is effectively tribute, which Empire uses to bail out its corrupt elites and fund its corrupt wars.

If provinces start trading with their own money, however, what do you need the Empire for? This is the reality that Empire is only accelerating, but trying to force everyone to participate in their sieges and wars.

Now Empire is saying that Indians shouldn't maintain their own military equipment, because America has beef with Russia. They're saying people in Europe in Africa should go without energy or fertilizer, because of someone else's war. Countries are increasingly like *fuck it, we'll just go around you.*

This is a sure death knell for Empire. The definition of a unipolar empire is that you can't get around it. Once people do, that power, that empire doesn't exist anymore. **Once the provinces don't fear the ruler's whip or trade with the ruler's coin, who's really running the place?** Not empire. You're suddenly in a multi-polar world.

The Break

But colored people breaking off won't break the White Empire. Despite the entire global majority not sanctioning Russia, these people are ignored all the time. If Empire can just get the old colonial gang back together, they can surely beat down a few coloreds and get the Empire back in line. But that's the problem. The old colonial gang is actually getting cold and hungry, and they've got no stomach for this fight.

European citizens are being forced to pay much more for American natural gas, import more American weapons, and pay even more the

imperial tribute while their own economy gets hammered. Sanctions on Russia are effectively sanctions on Europe, they're that intertwined. Just look at the PPI measures from Germany. This shows the prices of industrial inputs skyrocketing, and this is just preliminary data. March will be worse, and it'll cascade thru the whole economy. This is gonna hurt.

There's graphs like this everywhere in Europe, but for American oligarchs it just shows up as profits. They've got Europe over a barrel, and European people will be wearing one soon enough. Many countries like Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, and Latvia depend on Russia for nearly 100% of their natural gas. Germany and Italy for nearly half. They can't just cut off. They're cutting off their own heat.

And to add insult to injury, America is treating its European 'allies' like the schmucks they really are. France got rolled over on a submarine deal with Australia, Biden made a fool of the German Chancellor by cancelling a German pipeline in front of him, and now the European people are going to get hurt.

Now that Russia is turning up the heat by demanding payment in rubles. This will force European countries to break imperial sanctions. They can choose American hot air or actually heating their homes. Luckily it's warm out now, but winter is coming. Someone's got to be thinking, it's time for an independent king in the North.

European Secession (Or Recession)

Hence the big fear for White Empire is their European vassals leaving. This won't be colored countries in the periphery. This'll be a fracture at the ancestral home of white supremacy. White Empire can abuse and lose the colored world, but if it loses the heart of whiteness, it really falls apart.

These fuckbois have followed America into every losing war, every siege, they've always been loyal to their liege. But after the insult of Trump, the injury of Biden is really making them bleed.

As Machiavelli said of his fellow Europeans—an Asian peninsula of most savage and violent types—*“For of men it may generally be affirmed, that they are thankless, fickle, false studious to avoid danger, greedy of gain, devoted to you while you are able to confer benefits upon them, and ready, as I said before, while danger is distant, to shed their blood, and sacrifice their property, their lives, and their children for you; but in the hour of need they turn against you.”*

Following Empire into distant danger in the Middle East was one thing, but following them into World War III on European soil is another thing entirely.

So while White Empire is trying to desperately stake out some relevance in Ukraine, Europeans may just choose having heat. While the EU and NATO are not democracies, the people in the performative democracies below will literally get cold feet.

The Beginning Of The End

And so White Empire begins to fall, just as we finally named and shamed it. The whole thing was built on fear and money and bullshit, and once fear and money run out, it's just a steaming pile of shit.

Once Europe starts to fuck off, once India fucks off—with China and Russia already gone and the global majority already scornful—who's even left? What you call an empire that's sanctioned everyone? They're just another country, and a suddenly indebted and isolated one.

I'm not saying this is how it'll go down, I'm just saying that some shit is going down. Climate collapse will just melt and fracture this thin ice even further. There's no coming back from this, and they're not even trying.

And so White Empire finds itself cracking up. Bin Laden threw two bricks through the wall in 2001, and then Trump came back in 2021 and hit the Capitol that Bin Laden missed. What seemed a solid

world of white power is now fractured, and the black ocean of a multipolar world churns beneath.

As the Pink Floyd refrain goes, *“If you should go skating, on the thin ice of modern life, dragging behind you the silent reproach of a million tear stained eyes. Don’t be surprised when a crack in the ice, appears under your feet. You’ll slip out of your depth and out of your mind, with your fear flowing out behind you. As you claw the thin ice.”*

[Guitar Solo]

35. WHY AMERICA'S MILITARY IS PHYSICALLY FALLING APART

APRIL 2024

To understand the state of America's military, just look at their Secretary of State. Antony Blinken's custom Boeing has been grounded twice this year. Meanwhile, ships Joe Biden sent to Gaza have caught fire or broke down along the way. The US military loses every war, its equipment is falling apart, and its soldiers are killing themselves. They don't even know what anything costs because the Pentagon is unauditable, six times over. This is the state of late-stage Empire. It's physically falling apart.

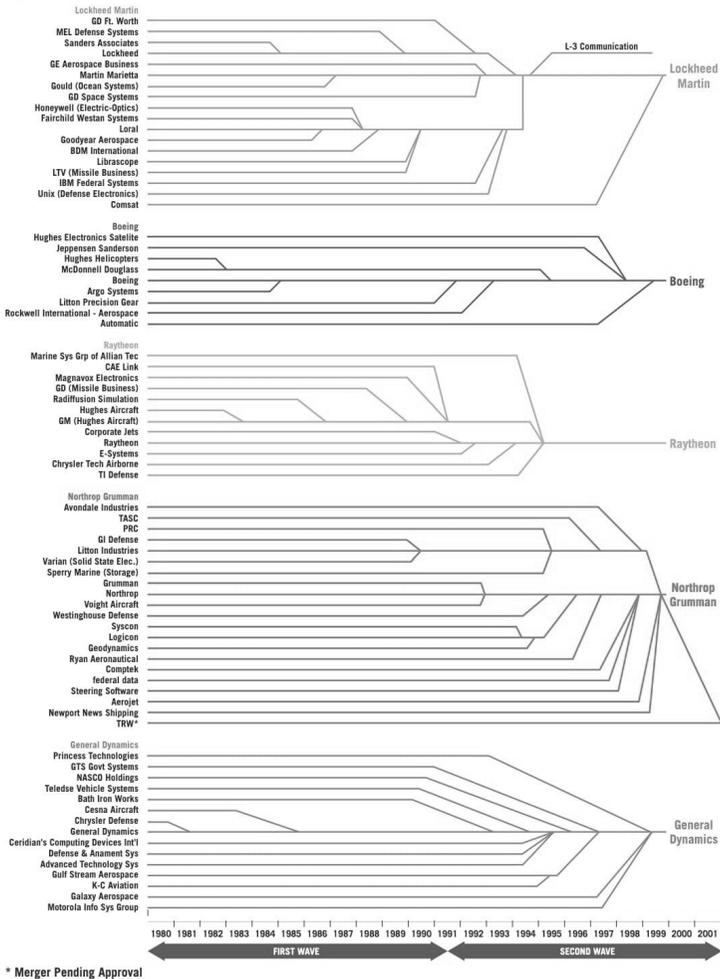
General Fuckery

To understand how America can have both the most expensive and most useless military in the world, just behold US Congressman winner Mike Waltz asking the Air Force Secretary how much a bag of bushings costs. The answer is \$90,000 for what should cost maybe \$100. A bag of nuts and bolts. This gets to the nuts of bolts of the issue. The bloated US military budget isn't a measure of effectiveness. It's a measure of *fraud*.

Dwight Eisenhower—who left this turd on America's doorstep—said “*we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for*

the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist." This wasn't a warning in hindsight, it was a promise. The military industrial complex is not even that complex anymore. What was a competitive defense industry has condensed down to five cronies. These warlords corrupt think tanks, NGOs, media, and government itself to become an inoperable cancer on the body politic.

Figure 7-4 20 Years of Industry Consolidation



Consolidation of carnage. Aerospace Commission Report (2002), page 134

Ike also said, “*Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals.*” This really adds insult to injury. No one today would accuse Americans of being alert and knowledgeable. It's a nation of debt slaves, thinking they're philosopher kings because they get to give a Facebook thumbs up to the latest slaughter in the Cable TV Colosseum.

Insomuch as America ever had 'peaceful methods and goals', now their government just spreads chaos, using it as a ladder of bones. With Gaza or Ukraine, they don't care if the American people don't actually support these wars. They're still doing 'em. America's ruling elites are all about the money, everything else is just marketing. So the wars go on, one after another to cover up the fraud with more fraud. The insider traders in Congress get their cut, and some arms dealers in Bethesda get to remodel their kitchens.

Right now, the foxes are running the hen house and the future taxpayers (it's all debt) are getting plucked. The military industrial business model is the same as US private equity (or the mafia). They take over a 'company', load it up with debt, and then bleed the carcass dry. And everybody's in on it. Right now, a Raytheon board director (Lloyd Austin) is running the Defence (re: War) Department, and few US citizens are aware of this violent conflict of interest. The military industrial complex is running the whole show, under the command of General Fuckery.

Private Ponzi

The core reason America's military is the same reason my Toyota Vitz fell apart on the highway. Maintenance. America *had* a strong military generations ago, but those assets have long since depreciated and become liabilities. They keep covering this up by buying shiny new stuff, but that stuff doesn't even work and it's all depreciating into dust and fairy dust as we speak.

We'll get into it in detail, but for an example from just one theatre (Indo-Pacific), look at the difference between spending on new toys ('modernizing and strengthened presence') and maintenance ('improved logistics, maintenance capabilities, etc').

Figure 3.1. Costs by Major Category (\$ in billions)

Major Category	FY 2024 Request
Modernized and Strengthened Presence	2.9
Improved Logistics, Maintenance Capabilities, and Prepositioning of Equipment, Munitions, Fuel and Materiel	1.1
Exercises, Training, Experimentation, and Innovation	2.1
Infrastructure Improvements to Enhance Responsiveness and Resiliency of U.S. Forces	2.4
Building the Defense and Security Capabilities, Capacity and Cooperation of Allies and Partners	0.5
Improved Capabilities Available to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command	0.1
Total USINDOPACOM	9.1

'Modernizing' gets \$2.9 billion while maintenance gets only some fraction of \$1.1 billion, lumped together with the other boring shit. Maintenance is fundamentally unsexy and nobody fucks with it.

Maintenance, however, is a *compounding* liability. The less you do it, *the more you have to do*. Just ask my old Vitz, which never went for regular service until it just melted on the highway and required a hideous engine rebuild. It cost me more than regular maintenance and I never trusted that car again. This is the basic rule of maintenance. You neglect it at your peril. As the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) says about not doing maintenance, “*Over time this situation has resulted in worsening ship conditions and increased costs to repair and sustain ships.*” And it's not just ships, the entire 'capital' base of the US military is literally being cannibalized.

They say a stitch in time saves nine, but this was before fast fashion. Why make one stitch when you can just spin billions out of whole cloth?

The Growth Ponzi

The problem with American military infrastructure is the problem with American infrastructure in general. It's all supposed to be run by 'the market' and the market does not give a fuck about maintenance, repair, or anything long term. Why would it? It's algorithmically programmed to think in quarters and not the long term and, as Keynes said, in the long term we're all dead. If you can make a billion dollar sale now and the liability falls on someone else's head decades later, who gives a shit? This isn't the fault of individually evil people, though these are individually evil people. If they didn't do it the 'shareholders' would throw them out and install someone that did. They're just cogs in the capitalist machine, and war is peak capitalism. Making really expensive products and *immediately* exploding them? *Chef's kiss*.

I'll take the long way around to explain this Ponzi concept because it's essential. So let's start with that other American war crime, the car-driven suburb. Charles Marohn of Strong Towns calls this phenomenon 'Growth Ponzi Scheme'. All of America's old, decaying infrastructure are unfunded liabilities, the maintenance barely covered by *new* schemes. A classic Ponzi.

America has built more roads than it can possibly maintain, using new loans to pay off the old ones. This is actually how most Americans live, using one credit card to pay off another. Marohn says that "*American cities have a ticking time bomb of unfunded liability for infrastructure maintenance.*" I argue that this same phenomenon applies to the American Empire itself. As Marohn says about suburbs:

The great American experiment in suburban development entices communities to take on **long-term liabilities in exchange for near-term cash advantages** (see [Part 1](#)). But as those liabilities cost the community more than the development creates in overall wealth, the approach ultimately results in

insolvency ([see Part 2](#)). To forestall the day of reckoning, more growth is induced, setting up a Ponzi scheme scenario where revenue from new development is used to pay liabilities associated with old development ([see Part 3](#)). This is unsustainable, but that has not kept us from trying desperately to keep it all going.

This is a textbook Ponzi—robbing Peter to pay Paul—and *America is literally built on a Ponzi scheme*. This is how they fund their roads and bridges! No wonder they're falling apart. Their military collapsing is just a consequence of the deep accounting fraud at the heart of their everything.

As Marohn details in one simple [case study](#):

Rural Road

A small, rural road is paved, with the costs of the surfacing project split evenly between the property owners and the city. We asked a simple question: Based on the taxes being paid by the property owners along this road, how long will it take the city to recoup its 50% contribution. The answer: 37 years. Of course, the road is only expected to last 20 to 25 years. Who pays the difference?

The generalizable point here is that the federal government gives (basically just creates) money to pay for some infrastructure, but then the state (or town) is liable for the maintenance. But the state doesn't actually have the tax base to pay for it (as Marohn shows in multiple case studies). That money was just created out of nowhere by the federal government. And so the state cannot actually pay for the maintenance, unless they get more cashflow from the federal spigot, for a *new* project. Then they can use a bit of that fresh cash to do

some half-assed maintenance. It's a fugazi, a fugazy, a whatsy, a whoosy. As Matthew McConaughey says in *Wolf Of Wall Street*:

You have a client who bought stock at 8 and later announced it's at 16 and he's all happy he wants to cash in, liquidate, take his book, take his money and run home. You don't let him do that, okay, 'cause that would make it real, right? No. What do you do? You get another brilliant idea, a special idea, another situation, another stock to reinvest his earnings and entice him, and he will, every single time, 'cause they're addicted. You just keep doing this again and again and again. Meanwhile, he thinks he's getting rich (which he is, on paper), but you and me, the brokers, we're taking home cold hard cash via commission.

And then McConaughey makes a humping motion. Which is what's happening. *Wolf Of Wall Street* is quite an allegory. It's not that Ponzi schemes are some aberrations within the American economy. The entire American economy *is* a Ponzi. Especially their war machine. That's the most pernicious Ponzi in human history. A pungent combination of fraud and blood money.

The Grotesque Ponzi

The American war Ponzi is the perverse inverse of their domestic one. At home, they defraud money by at least building infrastructure. Abroad, they make money by destroying it.

This is the great innovation of American Empire. Figuring out that there's more money in *losing* wars than winning them. Only America attacks other places to *loot their own treasury*. They spent an absolutely soulless \$2.3 trillion destroying Afghanistan and didn't 'get' anything much in return. So what do you do when you're running a Ponzi and one scheme goes belly up? You have to get the sucker into a new con, quickly. As that Wolf Of Wall Street said:

You get another brilliant idea, a special idea, another situation, another stock to reinvest his earnings and entice him, and he will, every single time, 'cause they're addicted.

To cover up the loss of Afghanistan America invaded Iraq. When that went screwy they invaded Libya, then Syria. That wasn't enough so they went even bigger, provoking Russia by corrupting Ukraine. The Ponzi Empire leaves a trail of destruction wherever they go, but the jig is only up if they stop. So they never stop. This is a big reason America keeps starting war after war after war. They've got to keep the scam going. As Marohn says, "*like any Ponzi scheme, as soon as the rate of growth slows, it all goes bad very quickly.*" Which is the point we're getting to now. America is pushing up against countries like China, Russia, and Iran that it cannot actually intimidate like the innocent civilians and weddings it's used to bombing from afar. We have finally reached the end of this fatal Ponzi. The scams are getting closer and closer together and running into each other. People are beginning to see, and soon they'll start withdrawing their money.

The American Military (Is Too) Complex

The American military is obviously not good anymore. It's definitely big, and it's definitely expensive, but these are both *liabilities*, not assets. America has a bunch of aging matériel and a bunch of men who are too unhealthy, unwilling, and simply not required to serve. Crumbling military infrastructure is just an offshoot of America's long experiment in short-term thinking. Just as Boeing is crashing because they tried to cannibalize a 1960s airframe down to the bone, America is crashing for the same reason.

Just as Boeing is *still* flying the 737 airframe some 60 years later, the American military is still flying B52s and 1960s era designs. Those are the designs that work best, in fact. The old technology still worked into the early 2000s, but it's *already been depreciated* and yet they're still using it. The American military is simply getting old and dying and should retire and stop embarrassing itself.

America is now facing younger 'threats' like China and Russia and Iran just as America's military is getting old and falling apart. In truth, none of those countries are a threat, they'd all be happy to trade. But America chose violence and so here we are. America was really strong once, but *any living being* is stronger when they're younger. Eventually your body becomes a liability and drags you down. In fact, the bigger they are, the harder they fall.

All beings are young and strong for a while, old and powerful, and then aged and falling apart. It's important to understand that every being—artificial or natural—must eventually peace out. This is just the way of things. This is simply what's happened to the US military. We all return to Allah, human and genie, humanity and engineering.

We'll go through the decay of the American military limb by limb, but that's the general principle. America is falling apart because it's old and didn't take care of itself. You know how it goes. This is really the nature of existence, and you can feel it in your own bones.

36. HOW AMERICA'S MILITARY IS FALLING APART

Now that we've discussed why America's military is falling apart (getting older but not wiser). Let's discuss *how*. Specifically, which wheels are falling off. Planes, ships, and ground forces, it's all depreciating into dust.

What we've discussed is that the American military, like the American economy in general, is a Ponzi scheme. It pays off old liabilities with new growth. In this case, it keeps covering up failed wars with *new* failing wars. It keeps covering up horrendous procurement with *more* horrendous procurement. It's a shell game which can no longer manufacture shells reliably.

Now America's con wars are getting closer and closer together and bleeding into one. Whereas it took them 20 years to get kicked out of Afghanistan, Yemen has defeated them in a matter of months. Whereas once they were fighting the poorest people on Earth, now they have united China, Russia, and Iran against them, 'younger' militaries with far more resources and wealth than America. None of these people actually want to fight or take over the world, they just want to be left in peace, but America has chosen violence. But grandpa genocide just doesn't have the gumption anymore. The soulless are willing, but the body is weak. The old war machine can't handle it what's demanded of it. The wheels are coming off as we

speak. If we consider the American war machine as a trishaw, the three wheels of air, naval, and land dominance are all deflated and the whole thing is just careening violently before the final destination: financial cliff.

Planes

Let's start with planes.

Antony Blinken—America's dead-eyed genocide whisperer—rides a custom Boeing 737. I include this in America's war fleet because Blinken sure as hell ain't making peace. Blinken's 737 has been grounded multiple times, once with an oxygen leak when meeting oligarchs in Davos, and again with 'mechanical problems' while meeting vassals in Europe. Blinken has had to drive and his staff had to—the horror—fly commercial, separated by only a curtain from the peasants. This is emblematic of the state of the American war machine in general.

America's military aircraft are not looking much better. A 2018 investigative report by Military Times found that *“Accidents involving all of the military’s manned fighter, bomber, helicopter and cargo warplanes rose nearly 40 percent from fiscal years 2013 to 2017. It’s doubled for some aircraft, like the Navy and Marine Corps’ F/A-18 Hornets and Super Hornets. At least 133 service members were killed in those fiscal year 2013-2017 mishaps, according to data obtained by Military Times.”*

In response to this report Defence Secretary (and Theranos board member) James Mattis sat in the hot seat and gave some order. He *ordered* 80% readiness for the F-35, F-22, F-16 and F-18 aircraft. That order went about as well as Theranos's blood testing machines. It didn't work at all.

In 2019, the vestigial Government Accountability Office said, *“We found that none of these aircraft had achieved the 80 percent mission capable goal, when mission capable rate data are averaged for each day in fiscal year 2019.”* For 2021, the numbers for the F-35 and F-22 were 69% and 51%; worse and getting worsen.

MISSION CAPABILITY RATES OF SELECT U.S. AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT

Airframe	FY20 Mission Capability		FY21 Mission Capability
F-35A *	71.40%	▼	68.80%
KC-46A	66.53%	▲	71.37%
B-1B	52.78%	▼	40.69%
CV-22B	54.21%	▼	50.95%
F-22A	51.98%	▼	50.81%
C-130H	70.02%	▼	69.49%
T-1A	68.43%	▲	74.03%
MQ-9A	90.77%	▼	89.91%
RC-135W	81.03%	▼	66.42%
HH-60G	68.99%	▲	71.06%

* F-35 data is pulled from Lockheed Martin's Joint Strike Fighter Data Library

Source: U.S. Air Force

Air Force Times

It's not that American airships crash which is, honestly, a good thing for the world. It's that America can't fight a war at a 60% readiness which quickly degrades to 0% in their own war games. Some of the maintenance requirements of American planes are just insane. Take the B-2 stealth bomber:

The B-2 requires 119 hours of maintenance for *every hour* flown. The B-1 and B-52 need just 60 and 53 hours, respectively. Adding to the B-2s cost further is the need for specialized, \$5 million per unit, air-conditioned hangars (used to preserve the B2's stealth properties) that are large enough to accommodate the B2s 172-foot wingspan.

Is this a bomber or a prima donna? It's not just that the US military runs at a loss, it's that it's so fragile that it loses wars. That is also, of course, a good thing for the world. Even the mightiest power, that saw fit to reign down death with invisible impunity, gets laid low by its own hubris and sheer age. This is the great power of Allah in the end. They take everyone back in the end, without exception. Every being that lives must die, human or djinn (re: engine). Even if you're the

world's biggest asshole, nothing but Allah can save you in the end. And America surely isn't on the side of God, it's the Great Shaytan, now with clipped wings.

Burning Ships

As part of their charade of giving a shit, America was building a pier in Gaza, but *they can't even get ships across the Atlantic*. Like their Red Sea Fleet that slunk away in defeat, the Gaza Flotilla caught fire before they even got there. The aptly named John P. Bobo caught fire and had to turn around. The Bessen had some issue and never made it past the Azores. The Wilson Wharf never made it past the Canary Islands. The Lopez slowed down, indicating some issue, but made it in the end. These are not isolated issues. The USNS Buttons (a sister ship to Bobo and Lopez) caught fire a few weeks ago. The US Navy is literally on fire.

Maintenance problems like this are not acts of God. They are the inactions of men. The hilariously useless US Government Accountability Office has reports on how fucked every department of the military is. This is what they say about the Navy:

GAO reviewed key sustainment metrics for 10 ship classes and found that from fiscal years 2011 through 2021, these classes faced persistent and worsening sustainment challenges. Specifically, the number of maintenance **cannibalizations** (working parts removed and reused elsewhere due to parts shortages), **casualty reports** (reports of events that impair ships' ability to do a primary mission), and days of **maintenance delay** (days beyond the scheduled end date for depot maintenance) have each increased, while steaming hours (the number of hours a ship is generally in an operating or training status) have decreased.

These seahorses are being ridden hard and put away wet. As an unnamed retired Army chief warrant officer said about the Bobo, Wilson Wharf, etc, *"if those boats don't have multiple major mechanical failures—I mean 'dead in the water' mechanical failures—I will be shocked.*

They're horrendously maintained. I've got videos of these things falling apart."

I'm giving you anecdotal examples, but these are not anecdotal problems. According to another (2022) GAO report, the Navy both has a huge maintenance backlog and doesn't know/lies about how big the problem actually is. As that report says:

The Navy understated the amount of its ship deferred depot maintenance in its 2021 financial reports by about \$1.6 billion. The Navy reported only about \$181 million in unfunded ship deferred maintenance in its 2021 annual financial report even though estimates it prepared for GAO show a nearly \$1.8 billion backlog.

What the US government calls 'understated' is of course fraud. If any company underreports their liabilities by **\$1.6 billion**, that's fraud. Of course no one at the top gives a damn because they're in on it. It's all Ponzi, all the way up, as we've discussed. Just look at the physical liabilities piling up on the Navy's books, and remember that—like my old, neglected car—these liabilities compound over time.



Compounding liability means that ships get harder and harder to fix every year until finally it's impossible. Then you have to decommission ships early. Thus the US Navy goes from degraded capacity to none at all.



The accumulated maintenance backlog contributed to the Navy decisions to decommission nine ships, according to officials, which will result in the loss of 34 years of ship service life (see figure). Early decommissioning leads to a smaller fleet and could hinder efforts to meet operational and presence requirements. (GAO)

As the GAO points out, poorly maintained ships eventually have to be scrapped, and the *US doesn't really make ships anymore*, and what they do make is expensive, over-budget, delayed, and completely unadapted to whatever it emerges onto, like a bleary-eyed Rip Van Winkle striding onto a modern battlefield with breeches and a breech-loader.

Defeat In The Red Sea



'A post appeared on the official Instagram of the US Navy with a photo of a soldier firing from an M4 assault rifle with an optical sight mounted backwards.' ([Via](#))

The US's fleet is big, but so were dinosaurs. Things change and suddenly you're not so well adapted anymore. In today's world, big aircraft carriers are just sitting ducks for drone swarms and cheap missiles. These things are hard to sink, but they're also hard to repair, making them a net liability. The US tried to develop smaller, littoral ships to counter threats like Iran, but Iran evolved during the delays, and these ships are now basically useless. America still has some formidable air power, but when it comes to naval power, they've completely lost it. They've lost the Red Sea, which is their 'Suez Crisis' moment.

America is of course an Empire (so invisible I call it White Empire) and its military also includes vassal states like the UK, France, and Germany. Many countries pay the military tax to America they call NATO, and offer troops to the imperial army whenever called, including to back up the genocide of Gaza. I'll include their ships cause it's all the same shit, end of the day. This is the state of the imperial Navy, getting beat by brave non-states like Yemen, easily.

Before ever doing anything useful, the \$3.7 billion HMS Queen Elizabeth died like the useless person it was named after, saying, "*routine*

pre-sailing checks yesterday identified an issue with a coupling on@HMSONLZ starboard propeller shaft. As such, the ship will not sail on Sunday.” Elizabeth was unable to join the NATO war fleet to play. Its sister ship, the HMS Prince of Wales also could not keep its propeller on, and had broken down 18 months earlier. The UK and Europe in general are increasingly useless vassals. They're eager but completely useless.

The French FREMM frigate Alsace actually made it to the battlefield, but had to flee retreated from the Red Sea on April 4th. Tale betwixt legs to Toulon.

The commander of the ship stated that the Yemeni Armed Forces “do not hesitate to use drones and ballistic missiles in a very surprising and striking manner.” He added, “It has been a long time since we dealt with this level of weapons and violence. The Houthis are perfecting their technique. The more they fire, the more accurate they become.”

THE COMMANDER TOLD LE FIGARO: “All combat equipment was used on board the frigate, from the Aster missile to machine guns,” noting that the cost of each Aster is \$2 million. (Resistance News Network)

I am reminded of a possibly apocryphal tale about the Chinese nobility before Genghis Khan. The Jin became more and more obsessed with archery as an art form, shooting through silk and other effete bullshit. Then the Mongolians just rode hard and shot fast and defeated them. That's what I think about these colonial vassals, basically throwing Lamborghinis and Ferraris at rebellious peasants. They're completely outclassed and, frankly, their own worst enemy. They're too soft for this shit. It's not just the Alsace, the Danish Esbern Snare and the British destroyer HMS Richmond have also retreated. America tried to organize a colonizer reunion, but they couldn't organize a piss up in a brewery.

America just **made things worse** for themselves after launching Operation Prosperity Guardian. Their military objective was to open

the sea for genocidal states, but now it's even more closed. Now 'Israeli' shipping is blocked from both the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean, and all imperial shipping is badly constipated. Just look at the results:



Via [Wikipedia](#)

If you look at the graph of transits, Yemen was only mildly affecting trade by targeting 'Israeli' ships, as is their duty under the genocide convention. Then the Americans turned the Red Sea into a war zone, made shipping worse for *themselves*, and had to give up and sue for peace. To which Yemen said *no*, until the genocide stops. Which leaves the Empire at a loss. They've got these expensive ships which are already falling apart, and which have to go all the way back to America to reload. And they can't get the brave and principled Yemenis to budge. America has lost the Red Sea because they wouldn't give up a genocide. That's how cheaply they threw away naval power.

Defeat On The Ground

The surest sign that America has been defeated on the ground is that *they don't show up*. They hide behind proxies and propoganda, but are simply too scared to put (official) boots on the ground themselves. This is a far-cry from the invading forces of just the early 2000s.

Now America is losing proxy wars in Palestine and Ukraine after pulling its last troops out of Afghanistan. It has *never* been able to field an army in open combat against the Russians, and it can't physically hold the Middle East anymore. It's even getting kicked out of Africa. This is a defeated army, in what I call a long retreat for decades now. They're throwing vassals in front of themselves—like the Nazi Germans with the Romanians—but America is in retreat, make no doubt about it. From Palestine, to Ukraine, to Taiwan, the Americans talk a lot of shit, *but they don't show up*. They have lost ground power entirely.

The problem starts in the 1970s, when Vietnam beat America's conscript army so bad they could never field one again. Now the Army is a 'volunteer' force, but all the debt slavery can't fill the ranks fast enough.

Pentagon officials have noted in recent years that the military recruiting environment is among the worst in U.S. history. Only about 23% of Americans between the ages of 17 to 24 qualify for military service, fewer than previous generations, according to Defense Department data. Among them, only about 9% has shown interest in the military, the data shows. (Stripes)

According to a Pentagon report, “77 percent of young Americans do not qualify for military service without a waiver due to being overweight, drug use, or mental or physical problems” (via). The US military has to face both physical depreciation and public unappreciation. Nobody wants to die for shareholders. Nobody wants to buy into the Ponzi anymore.

All that's left is whatever corrupted proxy will die for them, and chief amongst these is 'Israel'. 'Israel' is America's favored colony, the recipient of the most 'defense' money and the staging ground for human testing of weapons. The crown jewel of the crown jewel is 'Israel's' air defenses, which are the best the US has to offer. They communicate how the US is able to protect ground, and bomb whoever they want. But that equation is shattered now.

In its retaliatory attack on April 14th, Iran broke the most formidable air defenses in Empire, those around occupied Palestine. It was a surgical hit, meant to send a message, not killing people on purpose. My favorite bit was that Iran hitting the officers' swimming pool at Nevatim Air Base. *"The message being: if you don't dial back, we can do serious damage"* ([The Cradle](#)). The international equivalent of putting a horse's head in their bed. The natives are no longer deterred, and they have a younger, better military. The shell game is done.

Shelling Out

Artillery is the god of war, and America simply can't produce it anymore. They're running out of shells and missiles, AKA big bullets. There's a Chris Rock joke that goes, *"You don't need no gun control. You know what you need? Bullet control. I think all bullets should cost \$5000. You know why? If a bullet cost \$5000 there'd be no more innocent bystanders."* America has inadvertently created this situation on a global scale.

Look at the [2024 Department of War budget request](#). For all their big guns, they have a tiny amount of 'bullets'. In 2023, they produced 230 Patriot Missiles, 125 Standard Missiles, 40 Hellfire, and 34 Tomahawks. There's no more zeros after these numbers, that's it. They would run through their yearly production of most munitions within a few *weeks* of hot war. This is a joke.



Department Of War, 2024 Budget Request

America has emptied out all the imperial cupboards into the living room of Ukrainians. Americans say that they've degraded the Russian Army and 'got a good deal on it' (dead Ukrainians are worth nothing to them). However, like so much out of Empire, every accusation is a confession. Empire is running out of bullets itself, while Russia is a humming war economy. Russia can actually make shells, while America can just make pledges. America keeps printing money to chase non-existent resources, trying to avoid reality. They're outgunned and out-bulleted in Ukraine, and that's just one rebellion they're facing.

America's biggest guns of all are also firing blanks. America is still relying on 50-year-old Minuteman missiles for its ground nuclear deterrent, and it can't rely on them anymore. As Admiral Charles Richard, head of U.S. Strategic Command has said:

“We can't do it at all. ... That thing is so old that, in some cases, the drawings don't exist anymore [to guide upgrades],” Richard said in a Zoom conference sponsored by the Defense Writers Group. Where the drawings do exist, “they're like six generations behind the industry standard,” he said, adding that there are also no technicians who fully understand them. “They're not alive anymore.”

The Sentinel, the replacement for the Minuteman, is another case of made-up money chasing non-existent resources across unending delays. These newfangled missiles cost \$162 million *each*, ballooning to a program cost of \$131.5 billion (!), and they're not even close to existing. They're, in fact, closer to being cancelled. You can really appreciate America's massive depreciation problem here. They have to bankrupt themselves to not even break even. They have to spend *trillions* more to get *less* capacity. All of these programs would return them to *less* missile capability than they had 50 years ago. And they can't even do it.

The US military budget has long been a shell game where they hid decaying infrastructure under imaginary new shit, and now the jig is

up. Like a human being at the end of their life, they incur the highest costs on care at the end, for the worst results. American hegemony is in hospice now.

Unauditable

America is extra fucked because they don't even know how fucked they are. The Pentagon has failed six audits in a row and the unaccountability flows downwards. “A full half of the Defense Department’s assets still don’t meet auditing standards.” As I read the GAO reports, one of the things that stands out is what a total fraud the military is.

As the GAO says about the Navy, besides lying about its liabilities, “the Navy

is not fully or accurately tracking other metrics—operational availability and matériel availability—that the Department of Defense and the Navy have determined are key to assessing ship effectiveness despite a prior GAO recommendation to do so.”

Sun Tzu said, “*Know the enemy; know yourself, and you will meet with no danger in a hundred battles. If you do not know the enemy, but you know yourself, then you will win and lose by turns. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will lose every battle, certainly.*” America believes its propaganda about its enemies being weak and its propaganda about itself being strong. In truth, they can't survive an audit and they can't survive first contact with a real enemy. They're bound to lose.

The State Of The Union Army

The state of the union army is not good. Besides losing every war for decades, America's weapons are getting old and rusty and its young men are overweight or uninterested. Their ships are catching fire and their planes are crashing to the ground. And it all costs far more to replace than they can afford, and they'd need to rebuild it with a manufacturing base that doesn't exist anymore. America would literally need China's support to attack China. It's a non-starter. The mandate of heaven is withdrawn, because of massive accounting

fraud. America's military is falling apart. It's just running on propaganda now.

PART VI

PROPAGANDA

37. THE DEEP CODING OF GENOCIDE IN THE WESTERN BRAIN

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Where I grew up, in in suburban Ohio, genocide was a good thing. I read it about positively it in history class, as discovery, exploration, and settlement. I played colonization as a video game in computer lab. Genocide is hard-coded in the western brain. This is how they came up, why would they keep their latest colony, Israel, down? This is why the open support for openly genocidal Israel comes so easy. They're following the same old genocidal program, just with modern bombs and mass media.

Genocide is the glory of Europe and the genesis of America. Hell, it's even in the Declaration of Independence. As that old rapist Thomas Jefferson wrote, about the insufficiently genocidal King of England:

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

This is the same thing you hear across the White Empire today, about a new set of 'merciless savages'. Ever since America was founded, the program has been to accuse natives of what you're doing, and then genocide the shit out of them. Call the inhabitants of the land you want savages, and then mercilessly savage them. As my historical thesis goes, same shit, different day.

America inherited Britain's colonies after WWII and continued genociding natives, just with more modern machinery and more mendacity. They undertook numerous murder campaigns across the Middle East in living memory, and are now making a graveyard of Gaza, brutally accelerating the slow-motion genocide of Palestine. The same old pogromming is just the latest TV programming. To a disgusting amount of highly propagandized people, this is still a good thing.

American Progress



American Progress (1872) by John Gast

I think about this painting — *American Progress* by John Gast — a lot. People today look at this personification of white virtue literally genociding natives and say ‘*we don’t think like that anymore*’, but you’re still fucking doing it! This painting would be called immoral today, but what lie is there in it? As Oscar Wilde said in *Dorian Gray*, “*The books that the world calls immoral are books that show the world its own shame.*” So it is with this painting.

The American empire still pushes the same idea of progress, just with more bullshit about diversity and inclusion. Hey, colored people can colonize their own people and also participate in war crimes! Who wants to be included in this shit? Too many of us confuse progress with joining the persecution.

American Progress (the painting) looks racist AF, and this is an accurate depiction of American progress. This is the actual programming of colonialism, which is still running full tilt, on bigger and bigger

servers. A white lady carrying a schoolbook brings technology, agriculture, and progress while indigenous people and animals get chased off-screen, where they belong. This is exactly the program in occupied Palestine, which is being genocided right now.

The Israeli Prime Minister occupying Palestine just comes out and says it. He recently said, *“This is a struggle between the children of light and the children of darkness, between humanity and the law of the jungle.”* The law of the jungle, of course, is what’s called an ecosystem. Precisely what colonizers destroy and call ‘economics’. They treat the human ‘children of darkness’ like ‘animals’, and of course, they treat animals even worse. Our global mass extinction event is really part of the same ongoing genocide, from Plymouth Rock to Palestine to the whole fucking planet.

This is the painting of progress, which quite soon will be revealed in all its loathsomeness, like the picture of Dorian Gray. In Wilde’s book, a corrupt young man captures all his evil in a hidden painting, while continuing to look young and beautiful to the world. Yet one day it all falls apart and the roles are reversed. The painting looks a beautiful lie again, and his real loathsomeness is revealed to the world. As the end of that book goes (spoiler alert):

When they entered they found hanging upon the wall a splendid portrait of their master as they had last seen him, in all the wonder of his exquisite youth and beauty. Lying on the floor was a dead man, in evening dress, with a knife in his heart. He was withered, wrinkled, and loathsome of visage. It was not till they had examined the rings that they recognized who it was.

I feel like we’re at such a moment now, witnessing the death and demasking of American Empire. They are stabbing their own picture of morality by bombing and starving a concentration camp, among other atrocities. Their President is a doddering old man, too cowardly to ever fight in a war, but ever eager to start them, especially against people without air forces.

Joe Biden is the picture of a corrupt and collapsing American Empire, old Grandpa Genocide, out embarrassing himself and not knowing when to retire. The picture of American youth, vitality, and diversity in Obama has faded into withered, wrinkled, and loathsome Biden. They are both genocidal maniacs, of course. Now it's just obvious. The cursed painting of American Progress still looks beautiful, but the reality of American Empire looks hideous.

The Bewitched

I grew up stuck in this painting, like the poor Erica in Roald Dahl's *Witches*. I read my schoolbook, pledged allegiance to the flag, played Oregon Trail in the computer lab, ate mystery meat in the cafeteria, and believed in American progress. I *saw* Native American civilization, like the Serpent Mounds, but I never really wondered where it went. I thought they just kinda wandered off, and that Indians attacking the pioneers were just aberrations. I was also 'Indian' to these people and still, I never thought about where my homies in ignorance had gone. I never wondered what a town named *Columbus* was doing on the banks of the *Scioto*. I never wondered why so many places had native names, but literally no natives. I never wondered where all the bodies were buried. I lived in a painting.

In Ohio history class, I read stories about frontiersmen and explorers opening up *new* land. Discovering it. I looked *forward* to the parts where they fought Indians. Now *why* were the Indians fighting? I dunno, why do bears fight? I never thought about it. It was the quiet genocide of erasure. Like the indigenous beings, being pushed off the edge of that painting by invasive colonizers.

This coding of casual genocide is so deep — that some people are savages and deserve to be killed — that the oligarchs can just change variable names and genocide completely different populations. Not to mention animal and plant life, which isn't even mentioned. This same program has been repeated over and over again, all over the world. Brother humans, sister animals, mother nature itself; the message is always. *'they're going to kill you! You better kill them first!'*

Every savagery is justified by the fact that you're doing it to savages. This is what they call this civilization. It's a very powerful program. Until it overheats and crashes the whole world.

The Genocide Of Gaza

The latest people to be coded as savages have been those unfortunate enough to be born on top of oil. For that reason, Arabs and Muslims have been relentlessly demonized — from the news to Hollywood — as hopeless dangerous terrorists that will kill you if you don't kill them first. Sound familiar?

It is this latest coding which is being activated in the genocide of Gaza. The natives of Palestine are portrayed as hopelessly violent, and their open genocide is thus justified, down to the last man, woman, and child. The colonizer of Israel (many of them dual European or Israeli) are portrayed as good and civilized, and just 'defending themselves'. It's the same programming run across the continent of North America, Australia, etc. People are watching a worse than medieval siege, where food, water, and fuel are cut off and civilians are relentless bombed with the highest in destructive technology. And as with the 'Indians' being wiped out in history, people cheer. For far too many people, genocide is still a good thing.

In Gaza, the *temerity* of the natives to break out of their reservation (re: concentration camp) and kill some settlers and military occupiers is reacted to the same horror as any slave rebellion or Indian 'raid'. The natives are portrayed as savages, in order to unleash untold savagery upon them. The organization Hamas (which is far more rational and less genocidal than Israeli political parties) is portrayed as some abstract signifier of evil. Hamas=ISIS=Al Qaeda=swarthy/scary Muslims. The word doesn't matter and the actual organization even less, it's just another dog whistle to kill savages. Israelis are 'killed' according to British state media, while Palestinians mysteriously die. It's the same old genocidal programming, just internationally televised.

And so, just as Thomas Jefferson used complaints about *'merciless Indian Savages'* to proceed with *'an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions,'* just as this coding of carnage flowed through Lincoln (who mass executed Native Americans) and Obama (who destroyed multiple countries), so it flows into the river of blood that is Gaza now. The western *'declaration of independence'* is really a declaration of oppression for the rest of the world. The stolen land they wrote it on, the stolen people they built it with, the stolen fuel they burned, the stolen air that now chokes us all. The coding of genocide is so deep in the idea of *'western civilization'* that it does not compute without. We can see them showing their whole genocidal ass in Palestine, and those poor people are just the canaries in the literal coal mine.

When I read about genocide in Ohio I thought it was a good thing because I was a child and those being genocided didn't have smart-phones or TV stations and their stories were buried as thoroughly as them. Now I am watching the genocide of Gaza in real time and it unearths the horror that colonialism always was, and how it never stopped! It's like the final bastion of white privilege is getting away with genocide, and that's what Israel wants. That's what they mean when they talk about defending European values and civilization. Killing people and taking their stuff. That's what European values are! I grew up in this culture, where genocide was a good thing, and because of this, thousands of Palestinian children will not grow up at all.

What can I say, as I think of them every time I give food and water to my children, and put them to sleep under a roof that isn't falling down? What can I say to the men like me and the women like my wife, who are seeing their entire families wiped out? Who cannot even run, because they're being held in a concentration camp at extermination time? Growing up in the West, I always wondered what *'we'* would do during a genocide, and now I see. *'We'* would do it. *'We'* always did. So I reject all of my previous programming. I'm with *'them'* now.

38. THE MOST PROPAGANDIZED PLACE ON EARTH

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Caitlin Johnstone says that Americans are the most propagandized people on Earth, which is true. People all over the world hate their neighbors, but only Americans hate random people on the other side of the world. How do they even know about these places enough to hate them? This is because propaganda. These are places they simply would not think of were the thoughts not mediated by an entire industry. The military-industrial-media complex that has completely lobotomized their young democracy.

Property

People within White Empire (including *kalu suddhas* in Sri Lanka) think they are not propagandized because western media is private. But America is an oligarchy and it is precisely this ‘private sector’ that actually rules. To go back to the beginning, the American Revolution was not a victory of people over a king. At founding, a fraction of people on that land could vote. The Revolution was a revolt of propertied white males against taxes, and it was a victory of their *class* against a king, that’s all.

To go even further back, the White Empire traces its ‘freedom’ back to the Magna Carta, which was merely *barons* taking power from a

king. As Eleanor Janega says, you are not a baron! This mythology has fuck-all to do with you, besides getting to choose what brand of quite publicly bribed (donations) person does the dirty work for the 'private sector' that actually pays them. To understand propaganda within the White Empire you have to understand the class structure, and how it has gone from kingly frying pan to capitalist fire while calling it freedom.

Going even further back, Michael Hudson describes the same class tension going back to the Bronze Age. I'm digressing a few thousand years but bear with me. He describes a constant tension between kings (or tyrants) and a class of wealthy families (you can call them nobles or investors, the point is that they concentrate wealth/land/labor in a way that's a threat to centralized power). Note that nobility isn't decentralized to the peasant level, it's just a wider and often more exploitative and rapacious center than a king. Out of this we get the concept of 'parliamentary supremacy' which is very different from the direct democracy of Athenian citizens (where, if you were a citizen, you could actually show up at 'parliament' and do something). Modern parliaments are almost 100% rich people who just make a show of taking bribes from even richer people in elections and going out to shake hands with the *hoi polloi*, who they promptly screw over. I'll quote a bit from Hudson because it's interesting, though a massive digression:

As interest-bearing credit became privatized throughout the Near Eastern economies, personal debts owed to local headmen, merchants and creditors also were cancelled. Failure to write down agrarian debts would have enabled officials and, in due course, private creditors, merchants or local headmen to keep debtors in bondage and their land's crop surplus for themselves. Crops paid to creditors were not available to be paid to the palace or other civic authorities as taxes, while labor obliged to work off debts to creditors was not available to provide corvée service or serve in the army. Creditor claims thus set the wealthiest and most ambitious families on a collision

course with the palace, along the lines that later occurred in classical Greece and Rome. In addition to preserving economic solvency for the population, rulers thus found debt cancellation to be a way to prevent a financial oligarchy from emerging to rival the policy aims of kings.

— MICHAEL HUDSON

HUDSON'S BOOK is about *debt* and how private debt-holders (ie slave holders in the ancient times) accumulated parallel control over populations that would destabilize entire civilizations and the entire institution of kingship. To right this, since *before* biblical times, kings had debt jubilees, where slaves could return to their families, land returned to the people that actually worked it, and where clean slates would ensure that one class wouldn't cannibalize the whole (and overthrow the king, more importantly). What happened in America, however, is that that class *did* overthrow the king and now they rule, under the guise of freedom for all. But just look at America. It's a nation of debt slaves with no hope for a jubilee. They've got Freedom™, which is not freedom at all.

The concept of debt relief in the Bronze Age was literally freedom from slavery (the word used was *amargi* which means 'return to mother'). Of course in America this didn't happen for nearly a hundred years in law and still hasn't fully happened in deed. Indeed, the vast amount of Americans live as debt slaves from student loans to housing loans to credit card debts, which they are forever working off and die with. At least the indentured servants of yore got off after some years. Modern debt peonage is forever. The foundation of America was not 'power to the people' as mythologized but 'power to the propertied'. And the system is still working as intended.

What people call a 'free press' is actually very, very expensive. TV stations are literally billion dollar clumps of intellectual and physical

capital owned by very few people. Same for radio and even social media. This vaunted free press is really owned by the actual ruling class and it runs their propaganda.

Propaganda

Now to return to propaganda, now that we have a better sense of whom the propaganda serves. Americans think they don't have propaganda because they don't have state propaganda, but that would actually be better. There would at least be some democratic controls there. What they have is oligarchic propaganda, which is worse, and also much more insidious. Americans thus suffer from the meta-propaganda of believing they're not propagandized at all, all while mysteriously hating Vietnam or Venezuela or Libya or whoever they're supposed to.

I liken the American news to Paw Patrol, or any other 'Saturday morning' cartoon. It's some simple entertainment about good and evil meant to sell you toys. And then sell you toys again the next weekend. Over and over. It's empty calories that you consume over cereal. The toys in this case are bloated weapons systems from arms dealers like Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, etc. The more useless the better cause then they can sell more.

These arms dealers have so deeply corrupted the American state that's it's all legal and in the open. The current Defense (War) Secretary Lloyd Austin stepped directly out of the Raytheon board room into the Pentagon, a conflict of interest if anyone gave a shit. But this is normal. There's a constant revolving door between the bureaucrats starting wars and the arms dealers supplying them, and it's all out in the open. The arms dealers produce think tanks as much as tanks, and the latter are more dangerous.

After the think tanks roll out, the mass media dutifully provides air cover. Liberal or conservative, they all love war, which the liberals launder through their 'good intentions' while conservatives are more honestly just assholes about the rest of the world. Liberals actually

thinking they're helping and conservatives actually enjoy hurting. But it's the same result. American media uniformly launders every perceived 'national security' threat from anonymous sources and 'experts' as a real, even if it is literally on the other side of the world and has fuck all to do with America at all. Even for things that America might have a tangential interest in, they never seem to get the point that their *intervention always makes things worse*.

The western mass media (liberals at least) is always against the last war and always for the current one, never perceiving that this is a problem. They **they** are the problem. If this media performed their role as watchdog the actual rulers couldn't indulge in wars of outright *corruption* but they are bitches. The violent propertied interests are quite easily able to 'wag the dog'. The incentives of media, as an industry, are of course wildly misaligned. War is good content for them and makes careers for journalists. There are no consequences for being wrong *over and over again*, where as being anti-war gets you fired quite reliably.

The sad part is that the small-people-with-large-TVs cheer for this fatal farce as vigorously as Romans cheering slaughter in the Colosseum. The Romans were at least honest with themselves about liking the brutality, westerners don't even look at the dead and liberals posit that they're *helping*. They pretend like all the killing and torture are just 'mistakes' and that they're fundamentally good intentioned. To them it's all a TV show, specifically a children's cartoon view of the world (which is where the propaganda starts). In this TV show their military is A) strong and not just bullies and B) fighting for values and not money and power. Democracy, human rights, and assorted bull, trotted out into the Cable-TV Colosseum. It's all a performance.

This is of course no different than the colonial ruse about spreading Christianity or 'civilization', just in a modernized form. They've changed the words but the narrative is exactly the same as manifest destiny. As the (Wikipedia) caption to the 1872 John Gast painting reads:

American Progress (1872) by John Gast is an allegorical representation of the modernization of the new west. Columbia, a personification of the United States, is shown leading civilization westward with the American settlers. She is shown bringing light from east to west, stringing telegraph wire, holding a book,[1] and highlighting different stages of economic activity and evolving forms of transportation.[2] On the left, Indigenous Americans are displaced from their homeland.

What has changed? What has changed? Instead of 'Civilization Vs. Savages' we have 'Democracy Vs. Authoritarians', instead of the telegraph we have social media, instead of books we have news, and then of course we have the cancerous economic activity leading to a mass extinction of *most* indigenous lifeforms.

As my historical thesis goes, *same shit different day*. It is as it was, just slathered in a different layer of bullshit. The point of conquest is always the money, as it was during colonial rule and as it remains under the 'rules-based order' the White Empire calls it now. Then, as now, this global looting by elites is sold to the imperial peasants as some noble, civilizing mission. All of this violence actually impoverishes and endangers them so some war profiteer can profit, but they at least get a story they can be proud of. And they fall for it pretty reliably. Behold, for example, right now.

People that dutifully wring their hands about Iraq and are freshly dipping them in blood over Ukraine. They see no lessons to be learned from the last 12 wars that they supported that all went wrong. *This war* is always different. It never enters these peoples minds that after this killing in their names they should shut the fuck up and sit the rest of the century out.

Because the imperial center is so physically far from the wars and the imperial debts are so far in the future, the actions remain pure fiction to the population and the consequences are never connected. It's all entertainment really, to distract them from the results of the looting on their own impoverished, indebted lives. While they get devoured by loan sharks, they can watch someone else get devoured on TV

worse, while the security forces also occupying them get lionized as heroes, with magical technological powers. It's Paw Patrol for genocidal adults. These are the most propagandized people on the planet, they're absolutely swimming in it, from children's shows to Hollywood to the news, it's all the same narrative, over and over. And yet if you tell an American they're propagandized, they really can't see it. It's like asking a fish *"how's the water?"*

"What's water?"

That's the American relationship with propaganda. It works so good that it's invisible. They're the most propagandized people on Earth, to the point that they think they're the most free. It's diabolical.

39. HOW WESTERN PROPAGANDA HAS BEEN PRIVATIZED

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Private companies are doing the censorship and propaganda work of White Empire. Big Brother has been privatized.

Hence private companies removed the channel RT, Google is removing search results and videos, Spotify is removing podcasts, and Facebook and Twitter are removing content and accounts.

Twitter is allowing death threats, Facebook is allowing calls for violence against Russians, and the private press is positively braying for war. Foreign fighters, formerly decried as brainwashed jihadis, are lionized. Child soldiers, formerly an atrocity, are glorified.

So the people that called for blood in Iraq cry crocodile tears for Ukraine. Not for detente or negotiation, but just more arms and escalation that will tear the country in twain. Little of this comes from state media, but it's all making the same case.

How did this happen? How did so many drummers come to beat the same rhythm at the same time? How did a symphony of propaganda become so effectively privatized?

The Information Problem

To look at Empire, specifically its capital America, let's take Mazer Rackham's advice from the book *Ender's Game*. He said:

"There is no teacher but the enemy. No one but the enemy will tell you what the enemy is going to do. No one but the enemy will ever teach you how to destroy and conquer. Only the enemy shows you where you are weak."

Hence to understand White Empire, we turn to Wang Huning, the leading strategist in their current enemy, Red China. Huning visited the heart of whiteness in the late 80s and wrote *America Against America*.

Huning viewed governance as an information problem. How does government process all the information in a society, and ultimately govern it? Huning said:

Can a political and administrative system bear all the burdens of modern society? This is a difficult question for all countries.

What he saw in America was that they built a self-organizing system based on decentralization. Basically outsourcing a lot of government functions to private companies. Reagan effectively sold this idea of 'small', efficient government, and no politician has had an original idea since. The result is actually much bigger and less efficient, but nevermind.

What this meant, since the 80s, was the commodification of *everything*, from the military, to healthcare, to transportation, to media. As Huning said, the US government stepped into a more indirect role:

Striving to give the various spheres of social life their own organization and dynamics to meet the needs of society on their own, so that **the political or administrative system plays only an indirect regulatory role**, is an effective way to win in this area. A prerequisite for the realization of this structure is to enable the various spheres of social life to form a self-organizing system that decouples these

specific and complex spheres of activity from political activity. **Commodification is the catalyst for this transformation process.**

Huning looked at this process just starting in the 1980s and said *“most of the institutions in this set are private, but in fact they manage a very large part of the affairs of the whole society.”*

This shows how effectively and powerfully capital controls society at large, and thus society as a whole. Most of the institutions in this set are private, but in fact they manage a very large part of the affairs of the whole society. This management is not based on coercion and command, but rather on voluntarily by each individual. People either voluntarily, or driven by social circumstances, automatically seek to be governed. Americans like to be governed least, but they like money most. The logic of money is to lead people to be governed. This mechanism is related to the basic survival of each person, and therefore effective management. Perhaps mobilizing the ability of a society's money to govern people is a very important aspect of reducing the pressure on the political system to manage.

Now in the 2020, the lobotomization of the American state is largely complete. The state does very little. During a pandemic it just tells people to get private vaccines and mounts no test-and-trace effort at all. During financial crashes it just gives money to private banks, it mounts no public works programs at all either.

Hence America emerges as a complete oligarchy, with just a Reality TV show called elections. Contestants are publicly bribed by corporations to buy advertising on corporate media, giving the imprimatur of consent. It's all bullshit.

As a Princeton study said *“Multivariate analysis indicates that economic elites and organized groups representing business interests have substantial*

independent impacts on U.S. government policy, while average citizens and mass-based interest groups have little or no independent influence.”

Huning saw this and said what any rapper could tell you, that “*money governs society*” in America. He said “*This non-governmental money mechanism regulates people’s thinking, emotions, and behavior.*”

Hence it’s not just the propaganda has been privatized. *Everything* has been privatized. Propaganda is just the advertising that sells it all. Most of all war.

The Military-Industrial Complex

War is just another industry in America. Of the Defense budget, over half now goes to private arms dealers, called oligarchs in any other country. The industry has effectively taken over government. The current Defence Secretary came there directly from Raytheon. President Biden has taken billions in bribes from them over the years (donations are just the white word for bribes).

Dwight D. Eisenhower left this turd on America’s door stop after World War II, along with a completely pointless warning about what was to come. The turd was this:

Until the latest of our world conflicts, the United States had no armaments industry. American makers of plowshares could, with time and as required, make swords as well. But now we can no longer risk emergency improvisation of national defense; we have been compelled to create a permanent armaments industry of vast proportions.

And this was the famous but pointless warning:

In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought,

by the military industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together.

I say pointless because look around. The arms dealers are in the Defense Department. The politicians depend on the arms industry for their nest eggs. Trillions goes from the treasury to the military-industrial complex, despite there being no official wars.

America has neither security nor liberty. To paraphrase Ike, American democracy will **not** survive for generations to come, it is already an insolvent phantom today.

The Military-Media Complex

They say the first casualty of war is truth, and America's forever wars have made their media forever false. Despite losing every war, killing millions, displacing tens of millions and making everything worse, this time is always going to be different.

The fact is that news networks like CNN made their bones on the first Iraq war and 'war correspondents' like NBC's Richard Engel quite publicly thank these manufactured wars for their careers. There's obviously a conflict of interest here, in that wars driving ratings and *business* for these people, as much as the arms dealers. As Engel wrote, the second Iraq War was 'his big break':

In the run-up to the war, it was clear that Iraq was a land where careers were going to be made. I sneaked into Iraq before the war because I thought the conflict would be the turning point in

the Middle East, where I had already been living for seven years. As a young freelancer, I believed some reporters would die covering the Iraq war, and that others would make a name for themselves. Zargawi, another young and ambitious freelancer, had a similar idea, albeit with a radically different goal. I wanted to be a great reporter. Zarqawi wanted to rival bin Laden.

My big break was being one of the few American journalists who stayed in Iraq during the U.S. invasion. Zarqawi's break was tapping into a stock of trained, frustrated army and intelligence officers spurned and betrayed by the United States, worried about Shite ascendancy, and looking for a new cause.

The consequences for being wrong about war in America are zero, and the rewards are many. The same people wrong about Afghanistan and Iraq and Libya just keep failing *upwards*. Meanwhile anyone who dares oppose war gets kicked out. Being wrong is fine, the audience forgets. But being anti-war is just bad for business.

After decades of this the American war machine is an obviously ghoulish disaster and the country has lost all faith and credit in the world. But its corrupt media still doesn't get it. They still think they're the good guys. As Upton Sinclair said, "*It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it.*"

Hence hacks like Engel or Christiane Amanpour positively *moaned* when America pulled out of its disastrous war in Afghanistan. Even after all the bloodshed, even after the ultimate failure, they still could not understand. Amanpour, now CNN's Chief International Correspondent, said:

Hearing Taliban entering Kabul takes me back to Nov 2001 watching them flee Kabul at the tip of America's spear, bringing hope to women, children and all who want peace, education and freedom from fundamentalist terror. Now progress and hope die again. Reckless American gamble?

Shit would make Goebbels blush, and these people say this themselves, on their own Twitter accounts. As Huning said, “*This management is not based on coercion and command, but rather on voluntarily by each individual.*”

Tip of the spear? Spreading peace, education, and freedom? What is this except the most rank propaganda, most effectively privatized?

Strictly Business



Which brings us back to Ukraine. Unlike other invasions, which were good and just, Russia’s invasion is *bad*, and must be stopped. But when Russia’s television channels and even regular Russian people are censored, this is really just *anti-competitive* behavior. The problem is not propaganda, it’s *their* propaganda.



Just compare the covers when Empire invades someone, to when Russia. The Economist (which should just be called The Imperialist) happily made *'the case for war'* against Iraq, called to *'hit him hard'* against Syria, and called the occupation of Afghanistan *'a heart-rending but necessary war'*.

Now these same media outlets openly cheering book burnings, child soldiers, foreign fighters, and calling for more arms, and Molotov cocktails. All of these things are terrorism and evil when leveled *against* Empire, but are now cheered on. Such is the fog of war. Dudes have commodified it as Fog-Of-War-Vapes™ and the population is sucking it down hard.

This is a turn-on-a-dime propaganda machine that would make Big Brother jealous, and it's almost completely privatized. Besides the BBC telling people how to make Molotov cocktails and getting killed attacking tanks, it's all from private companies, the ostensibly free press.

But as we've discussed, that itself is a misnomer. There are billions of dollars behind the media and social media. It's ultimately the domain of oligarchs, and the military-media complex is as much a business as

the military-industrial. And they're all ultimately united around *getting paid*.

Hence this isn't even a war problem in particular, nor is it about particular industries or particular people being corrupt. *The system is working as designed, as intended*. These are the logical results.

Since the 1980s, America has commodified all parts of its governance. They haven't had any new ideas since Reagan talked about 'small government' and the power of American business, and administration after administration has just been selling the place out to oligarchs.

From health to prisons to transportation to war, **America has turned everything into an *industry*, which completely changes the incentives involved.**

A private war company has no more interest in ending war than an umbrella company has in ending rain. War is their business, it's how they make money. While a government might be interested in ending a war quickly, a private company has the *opposite* incentive. They want wars to go on longer, that's more time to sell bombs. They don't care if the war is ultimately lost, there's always another war to start.

So here we are. While the military-industrial complex makes trillions, the military-media complex makes billions, and they both *can't wait* for another World War. **Money** is what makes the drums of war all beat in unison. They're synchronized not by the visible hand of some dictator but by the invisible hand of self-interest.

A government doesn't have to spend money making propaganda, they just give the license to a few oligarchs. Propaganda has been privatized in White Empire the way that everything has been privatized. They have no society anymore. The only way they feel anything close to unity is when they're beating up someone else. And so from the twisted heart of whiteness, we get forever war.

40.WHY THE MEDIA LOVES WAR

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In the mafia, you ‘make your bones’ by killing someone. It’s generally essential to getting ‘made’. In the oligarch media, it’s the same thing. Ted Turner’s CNN ‘made its bones’ on the first Iraq War. Embedded with the US troops, gleefully watching cities get bombed. Imperial media today is embedded with US spy planes near China, gleefully hoping for WWIII. War is a farce that gives them meaning. It gives them ratings. The media loves war. It’s great programming.

It’s important to understand the news as 100% advertising. During the breaks you get declared advertising for the suckers that have to pay, and the news itself is advertising from the oligarchs that run the place. Western media has perfected the art of selective attention and distraction. The press is called free, but is literally owned by a small class of people. Reporters are ostensibly free to report, but end up parroting the same line on any number of subjects. The media itself is literally embedded with the military and cannot cover it with any real objectivity. And yet the media poses as objective and above the fray. They are the fray. The breaks are brought to you by car insurance and dick pills, and the programming is brought to you straight from the Pentagon and the arms dealers that literally run the place.

I say literally because the current Secretary of Defence is a former (and probably to-be) Director of Raytheon, an arms dealer. People like White

House spokesperson (ie, propagandist) Jen Psaki move straight into their own shoes on MSNBC. Like everything else, the White Empire has *privatized* propaganda but their press is in no sense *free*. It's literally run for profit, trillions for the arms dealers, billions for the media barons, and millions for the grinning faces that present it to you on screen.

This media loves war for the same reason blockbusters are all just fist-fights in different contexts (in space, while time traveling, with cars). They love the action. America has always had the luxury of far away wars fought by debt peons, mercenaries, and proxy arms. They actually make more money from losing these wars. The people watching the cable colosseum are entertained, and the arms dealers can sell more arms in a losing battle that drags on forever. The millions killed and tens of displaced? Well, they don't matter anyways. They're not a consumer market and they have no voice in this vaunted democracy that the new empire claims to spread. They can just fuck off and die. The arms dealers get the money, the media gets the advertising rights, and everything is in its place. The poor buried underground, the rich adding extensions to their homes in Bethesda, and the drones flying overhead.

Today, despite most of the world *not* supporting US 'intervention' in Ukraine (up to the point of scuttling peace talks even Ukraine wants), despite protests against NATO in Europe and the US, and despite people having their own fucking problems that could use a billion dollars here and there, the media beats the war gongs as relentlessly as ever. No one was ever held accountable for the 'interventions' in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, or Libya so they're still out there calling for more war and getting more paid. No one ever entertains the idea that maybe the US military should *do nothing* rather than making everything worse wherever they 'intervene'. No, the US has a big military and they must use it for something, as the war criminal Madeline Albright said before she recently went to hell. And they have a big media and it needs programming. So it all fits together like a hook and eye. A fish hook, an open eye.

That Margaret Atwood poem is an apt description of the modern mass media and its relationship to its viewers. It keeps you hooked with constant war propaganda, like Saturday morning cartoons, except instead of Transformers toys they sell you on HIMARs and expensive military systems that are actually useless because the deindustrialized, incredibly corrupt West cannot actually produce enough bullets to sustain a land war in Asia, let alone on two fronts. Yet the media is flying around, gleefully trying to open up fronts with old reruns of Red Peril and Yellow Peril, with the latent free of colored people and Muslims throughout. War is a force that gives them meaning. But war is also the worst thing in the world, as anyone who's actually lived through war knows. That's why this war-mongering media must be discredited and turned off. As far as I can tell these fuckers have already started World War III, a conflict that could easily make bones of us all.

41.HOW HUMAN RIGHTS IS USED TO DEHUMANIZE THE SOUTH

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Every time I hear someone within White Empire talk about human rights I throw up a little. All the vaunted talk about human rights and democracy serves the same purpose as Christianity and civilization did. They're cynically exploited to attack people in the South and take our shit.

Westerners will use human rights to say that Iraq needs to be attacked, Libya needs to be attacked, Syria needs its oil stolen, Cuba needs to be besieged, Iran needs to be besieged, and so and so on. It's touching that white people's tender sensibilities so perfectly coincide with their military industrial complex. It's touching us in the private parts in the South. It's wrong.

It's not just the hypocrisy of countries with the largest prison populations (the US) and the world's deadliest border (the EU) lecturing other people. It's the air cover these lectures give to bombs. It's the generally logic of collective punishment of entire populations *for their own good*. It's the same old 'white man's burden', now with imperial women and black people getting in on the fun.

All of the western news about human rights is just *advertising* for the theft and war. It makes western consumers think there's some

morality to a capital colonialism (that doesn't really benefit them) just as the idea of Christendom made them think there was some morality to colonial joint-stock that didn't really benefit them either. A western government is sincere about human rights in the same way that Nestle is sincere about human health. They're fucking not. It's all just advertising to make money. And the people that believe in it are suckers.

The fact is that the greatest violations of human rights are carried out in the name of human rights, just as the greatest violations of Christ were carried out in his names. The White Empire just changed capitals (to America) and state religions (to this secular bullshit) and carried on making carrion of the South.

'Human rights abuser' is just the latest word for 'savage', used to the same effect. To take our shit, and feel good about it. To feel like you're doing us a favor. And you're not. To the consumer population of the Empire it's just more advertising, and to the corporations actually running the place, it's more profit. Countries that dare protect their natural resources or try to industrialize can be conveniently demonized in the corporate press, couped by the dark web of NGOs and 'democracy foundations', and get bombs dropped on them via Raytheon and Lockheed Martin.

Bigger countries like China that actually *exceed* the White Empire in the human right to make a living and not die in a plague get demonized up to the point of starting a new Cold War. The Imperial press—fresh of demonizing Muslims for decades—suddenly feigns an interest in Chinese Muslims of all things, and *people fucking believe it*. They repeat it in cocktail conversations. They're delusional and drunk. People that have probably had relatives *die* of COVID-19 are told that China's COVID policy is a failure, despite saving millions of lives there and abroad.

Perhaps the advertising between news programs doesn't work, but the news does. The news itself is owned by capital, advertising capital, and quite capably justifies all of capital's predations against

people western consumers have never heard of. They lap it up, ignoring capital's ongoing predations against them, even in the face of coughing, dying, and obviously declining lifestyles.

'Human rights' is just a new shibboleth for White Supremacy. A way of feeling better than that the colored south. Hell, colored people *from* the South can even become White and start enforcing white supremacy themselves. An African-American is head of the US Defense Department, bombing Africa. What a win. An Indian-Brit is the unelected Prime Minister of the UK, representing his real homeland of Goldman Sachs. Whiteness has *always* been a fluid category (the Irish-origin Joe Biden wouldn't have been considered white just over a century ago). The true purpose of the hierarchy is not the primacy of color but the primacy of *capital*. And that hierarchy continues, just with different advertising.

The truth about human rights in other places is *shut the fuck up*. After causing millions of deaths and tens of millions displaced in a fight for 'western values' in the Middle East, after sanctions (white word for sieges) impoverishing entire population for generations, and especially after the ongoing baggage of colonialism that makes these lecturing countries completely morally suspect in the first place, after this run-on sentence and more, well-meaning white people need to just *shut the fuck up* and sit the rest of this century out.

Whether you talk about human rights or democracy or civilization or Christ is immaterial. The actions of your governments are the same old theft, exploitation, and murder. All the *reasons* for these predations are meaningless. It's new whine in old bottles. White (and aspiring whites) need to look at the actual actions done in the name of their 'values', the actual profits they deliver to a few elites, and stop getting distracted by the empty words of advertising.

If you want to coup, sanction, or overthrow any governments, start with your own, the greatest human rights violators in the world. If you have an opinion about human rights in some other country, understand that you're not standing in solidarity with us. You're a

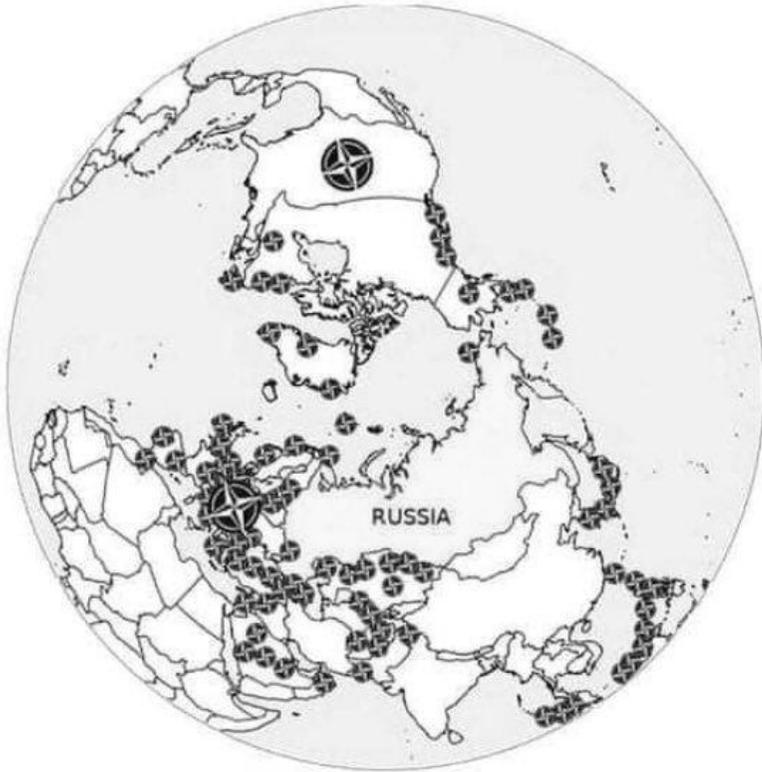
useful idiot for your corporate media and corporate media, just a patsy in the capital colonialism that goes on and on. So please spare us the lectures about human rights. It's just the latest idea y'all use to dehumanize us and take our stuff, and feel good about yourself. You should feel like I feel. Sick to your stomachs.

42.HOW DEMOCRACY IS NOT GOOD

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Democracy is just a tool. It is no more inherently good or bad than a hammer. You can use a hammer to build a home or to claw someone's face out. White Empire—ever since the Jesus juice ran out—has been using the claw-end of the hammer to go full *Oldboy* on the world (I am not recommending that film, oh God).

Iraqi democracy BAM! Afghanistan democracy BOOM! Whatever they couldnt squash down they hammered a lid over, isolating Iran, Syria, Cuba, from the world. They've been hammering pins around Russia, until Putin finally put his own hammer down.



Russia having the temerity to put its country between NATO bases

Imperial expansion and invasion is all done under the guise of *spreading democracy* or *defending democracy*, but just substitute 'democracy' for 'Christianity' and see how it sounds. It's the same shit different day. The zealots even sound the same.

As Christiane Amanpour said when Empire pulled the claw end out of Afghanistan, stealing all their money and leaving mass starvation:

Hearing Taliban entering Kabul takes me back to Nov 2001 watching them flee Kabul at the **tip of America's spear**, bringing hope to women, children and all who want peace, education and freedom from fundamentalist terror. Now **progress and hope die again.**

How is this different from the nauseating Kipling poem, *The White Man's Burden*? As Theodore Roosevelt said, it was “rather poor poetry, but good sense from the expansion point of view.”

*Take up the White Man's burden —
Send forth the best ye breed —
Go send your sons to exile
To serve your captives' need*

*To wait in heavy harness
On fluttered folk and wild —
Your new-caught, sullen peoples,
Half devil and half child*

*Take up the White Man's burden —
And reap his old reward:
The blame of those ye better
The hate of those ye guard —*

How is modern imperialism different from all the craven colonizing done before?

Empire is always better, and its enemies are always brutes. Empire's always doing a *favor* by invading, whether they're bringing churches or institutes. There's always some good reason to do terrible things, and after 'Christianity', 'spreading democracy' is just the latest substitute.

How did democracy get turned around and clawed into the skull of humanity like this? What is democracy? That's what we'll try to explore.

Democracy Is What Now?

As mentioned, democracy is just a tool. Democracy is just a technology for *in-group* management. That's all it is, and it has historically been very diverse. The first and most important point is one that Aristotle makes in his *Politics*.

In that, he says “*some persons think that there is only one species both of democracy and oligarchy; but this is not true... All laws are, and ought to be, framed agreeable to the state that is to be governed by them, and not the state to the laws.*”

Today we live in some woe begotten age where electoral democracy is the *only* species of democracy, a consumer product essentially, readily loaded into bombs. This is absurd as Aristotle's quick survey of *many* West Asian and African democracies shows. Everybody used the tool differently *depending on what they wanted to do*.

If what you wanted was liberty and equality, well, Aris had some ideas on that. Again note that this is just him talking about *one form*, not the only one.

Moreover, as an oligarchy is said to be a government of men of family, fortune, and education; so, on the contrary, a democracy is a government in the hands of men of no birth, indigent circumstances, and mechanical employments. In this state also no office should be for life; and, if any such should remain after the government has been long changed into a democracy, they should endeavour by degrees to diminish the power; and also elect by lot instead of vote. These things, then, appertain to all democracies; namely, to be established on that principle of justice which is homogeneous to those governments; that is, that all the members of the state, by number, should enjoy an equality, which seems chiefly to constitute a democracy, or government of the people: for it seems perfectly equal that the rich should have no more share in the govern-

ment than the poor, nor be alone in power; but that all should be equal, according to number; for thus, they think, the equality and liberty of the state best preserved.

A couple of things are important here. As A.D. Lindsay says in the intro, *“When we come to Aristotle’s analysis of existing constitutions, we find that while he regards them as imperfect approximations to the ideal, he also thinks of them as the result of the struggle between classes. Democracy, he explains, is the government not of the many but of the poor; oligarchy a government not of the few but of the rich. And each class is thought of, not as trying to express an ideal, but as struggling to acquire power or maintain its position.”*

So again, democracy is not **one thing**, it is the site of struggle between classes. This struggle takes **very different forms** from city-state to city-state, as diverse as their amphitheaters and all the dramas within.

Democracy Is A Hammer Within

As the saying goes, when all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail. The unit that democracy operates on is the **citizen**.

Citizenship

In his excellent book *Citizenship*, Dimitry Kochenov says, *“citizenship is a very effective abstract legal tool to justify essentially random violence, humiliation, and exclusion.”*

This was very obvious in places like ancient Athens. When local boys reached adulthood, they went before a citizenship council. If they were approved, they were citizens, they had the power to attend assembly, so they were essentially Members of Parliament. If you failed this birthright test, however, **you could be sold into slavery**. Lot of pressure when you turned 18. As Philip Brook Manville wrote in [The Origins of Citizenship in Ancient Athens](#):

Athenians proposed for enrollment in a deme at age eighteen (discussed below) were probably sold into slavery if a subsequent scrutiny or appeal found them to be of unfree birth; the enrolling demesmen could be fined for accepting candidates below age, and aliens who illegally adopted the status of citizens could be imprisoned, prosecuted, and sold into slavery if convicted.

This slavery thing is why people often brush Aristotle or the ancients off because they obviously got that shit wrong, but are we so much better? Today entire classes of people are ‘illegal’ across the world, put in concentration camps, exploited for labor, and certainly denied franchise. The Greeks would look and see that slavery by another name still works a treat.

Ancient slaves at least occasionally got freedom with jubilees. Their children were not inevitably born into it. When’s the relief for ‘illegal’ immigrants and refugees? We live in a world of birthright citizenship where, as Kochenov says, “*citizenships emerge as a key force behind the preservation of the status quo where the poor are poor (the Congolese) and the rich are rich (the Swiss).*”

Does this really look so different than slavery with bigger cages, writ large across the world? Certainly it is just a matter of degree, not kind. This system is still irredeemably cruel. Indeed, it is in this crucible of exclusion that the iron bond of citizenship is formed.

As Kochenov says, “*The story of citizenship [is] a tale not of liberation, dignity, and nationhood but of complacency, hypocrisy, and domination.*”

So once people are forged into nails (citizens) and the non-citizens are thrown out as exploitable waste, what do we have in place?

With these nails, a city can build an amphitheatre, in which to enact the most enthralling drama of the day. The constant class struggle

called democracy. This is of course only possible after deciding who can 'enroll' in a protected class in the first place.

Class Struggle

Among citizens then, who gets to rule? The regular Athenian model was actually much more elegant and simple than the hoops we jump through today. If you were a citizen, you could rule. Self rule literally meant self rule.

Every citizen was a 'Parliamentarian'. Anyone could go. Almost all citizens would serve as a 'Minister' at some point. Most major offices were selected by lot (called sortition). As Philip Brook Manville writes, "*in the fourth century; almost all citizens above thirty must have served a year at least once in their lives.*"

Once you were a citizen, you were assumed to have liberty, equality, and direct power, even if the slaves, women, and 'foreigners' around you did not. In many ways, you had power *because* they did not. And thus you can see the perversion of liberty and equality within the game of democracy itself. *It all depends on who's allowed to play.*

Here we also return to the diversity of democracies that Aristotle talked about. As he said, "*all laws are, and ought to be, framed agreeable to the state that is to be governed by them, and not the state to the laws.*"

In *Politics* Aris travels around Africa and West Asia, surveying different democracies. Some have a king and want to preserve that aristocratic power, so they 'rig' the game that way. Some have rich people that want to preserve that oligarchic power, and so they 'rig' the game that way.

I put 'rig' in quotes because aristocracy and oligarchy were not value judgements like they are today. They were just different. As Aristotle said, different strokes for different folks. Today we still have the same diversity of democracy in practice (just as we have practical slavery), we're just in denial about it.

And this is the fundamental state of democracy today. A state of **denial**. We act like democracy is one thing (it's many), like citizenship is holy (it's

full of holes), and we call this whole misperception ‘democracy’. The common belief in liberal democracy is essentially a religious belief at this point, as far removed from goodness as the Crusades were from Christ.

People within ‘liberal democracies’ really think they’re doing God’s work. In truth, they’re just the nails hammered into Them.

Democracy Is A Claw Without

As we went through, democracy is just the in-group management of a bunch of citizens. When it comes to the out-groups, you can do whatever the fuck you want.

Just as it is towards internal slaves or ‘illegals’, there are few limitations on what you can do to people outside the club. As Henry Hill said about the Mafia:

It means that nobody can fuck around with you. It also means you could fuck around with anybody just as long as they aren’t also a member. It’s like a license to steal. It’s a license to do anything.

There is literally nothing within a democracy to stop it from going to war. The people getting attacked aren’t citizens. They literally don’t count.

There’s this idea that a bunch of well-meaning citizens wouldn’t do that, but what if someone is threatening them? What if someone is threatening *democracy itself*? Then war!

Who gets to decide what a real threat is? Well, the citizens, or the oligarchs, or aristocrats. In this way wars are inherently undemocratic *for the people being attacked*, even if the country invading is democratic. They don’t get to decide at all.

In this way, you can see the poison of exclusionary citizenship, weaponized and pointed out. Just as there's different rules for non-citizens within, there's no rules for non-citizens without. Like someone who's not 'made', you can fuck with them as much as you want.

It's like a license to steal. It's a license to do anything.

I often think of this idea in relation to White Empire's wars. What if they were serious about spreading democracy? What if they waged an actually democratic war? What if instead of being an *expensive* oligarchy, they were an *expansive* democracy?

Let's say they had to invade first, because the people were trapped. Then what?

Well then, logically, America would make all Iraqis citizens. Iraqi governates would get 40 Senators and Iraqi people would vote in all American elections. The country was invaded to spread democracy, so **spread it, right?** If Iraqis are going to be occupied by a democracy, they should have a voice in that democracy of course. Lol right? It doesn't happen that way at all.

All that happens is that one people who are *internally democratic* impose their will on another group of people without. Those people are fair game. They're not citizens. They're not in the club. While liberal democracy is a hammer building a society within, outside it's just a claw, ripping societies and human bodies apart.

Hammering It In

And so here we are. Back in modernity, after a detour through ancient Athens, after questioning the assumptions of democracy, citizenship, and what constitutes a democratic war.

In our day-to-day lives we don't look at these assumptions. We just go around proudly defending democracy, despite it raising quite an offensive stink around the world. But we can't ignore the bodies anymore.

People within Empire often say ‘*they hate us for our freedom.*’ I think this actually makes some sense. If you have freedom, if you have democracy, **why did you choose this?** Why did you choose to kill millions of people and displace tens of millions of people? You’re proud of your democracy? Fine. Then take some responsibility.

Americans expect Russians to overthrow their government or face poverty, all for invading a country. What fate do Americans deserve, for invading so many more?

As Osama Bin Laden said in his 2002 *Letter To The Americans*, explaining why he fired (or at least took later credit for) the shot that marks the fall:

(3) You may then dispute that all the above does not justify aggression against civilians, for crimes they did not commit and offenses in which they did not participate:

(a) **This argument contradicts your continuous repetition that America is the land of freedom, and freedom’s leaders in this world. If this is so, the American people are the ones who choose their government through their own free will; a choice which stems from their agreement to its policies. Thus the American people have chosen, consented to, and affirmed their support for Israel’s oppression of the Palestinians, the occupation and usurpation of their land, and its continuous killing, torture, punishment, and expulsion of the Palestinians. The American people have the ability and choice to refuse the policies of their government, and even to change it if they want.**

Bin Laden may be your enemy, certainly, but even the worst person you know can make a good point. And in case you’re like ‘how dare you quote that Bin Laden!’, here’s the former US Ambassador to Russia (under Obama!) making the same point.



Michael McFaul ✓

@McFaul



There are no more “innocent” “neutral” Russians anymore. Everyone has to make a choice— support or oppose this war. The only way to end this war is if 100,000s, not thousands, protest against this senseless war. Putin can’t arrest you all!

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Where’s the daylight between these two? It’s all dark. McFaul goes even further than Bin Laden. With Bin Laden’s message you could say that America actually isn’t a democracy at all, it’s not the peoples fault. But McFaul is saying people in what he considers an oligarchy are responsible. And that they should overthrow your government by force.

Bin Laden called the Americans Crusaders and he was right; Bush the Younger even said it himself. You can still see that level of messianic zeal, from people who are obviously not following neither philosophers or God. Empire has perverted democratic values like they perverted the message of Christ, and it’s an abomination to behold.

The sad thing is that I love Christianity, and I like democracy. It’s a very interesting idea, lots of good stuff in there. But like the Crusades, White Empire has taken something good and weaponized it, using it as cover to kill and take what they want. And that is where we are.

Like every religion taken over by a state, the ideals of democracy have been completely corrupted. Loaded into bombs, painted on flags, using for whatever vulgar purpose Empire wanted to do. And so we have to deconstruct it. We have to look at it. We can’t just believe in it anymore.

To all those mindlessly defending democracy, examine that. If you're defending something peaceful, why do you keep attacking other people so much? If democracy is about human freedom, why aren't you listening when people say *stop, this hurts*?

Yes. Truly understanding democracy means *not believing in it anymore*. Not as an article of faith. Certainly not as some abstract good. I'll say it quite plainly. **Democracy is not good.**

It's just a tool, like a hammer. You can hammer nails with it, or use it to claw peoples eyes out. You can build houses, or tear them down. Nothing in the tool will tell you this is right or wrong. It's just a tool. If you don't understand the nature of this tool, if you don't even think about it, then guess what? Someone else is wielding it, and the tool is using *you*.

You're the nails on the cross, you're the slave to the boss, you're the rust on the claw end of the hammer, smashed into the quivering eyeball of the world. As Pink Floyd said in their hammer-heavy film, *all in all, you're just another brick in the wall.*

43. THE ARSEHOLES OF DEMOCRACY

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One of America's liberal warmongers, Secretary of State Antony Blinken. Shot by Reuters' Kevin Lamarque.

Westerners, those arseholes of democracy, never actually vote on war. They just watch it on TV, like so many Saturday cartoons, advertising bloody-minded toys. More historically, they're just the latest imperial plebes in the greatest imperial Colosseum ever built. Every day brutalized populations are paraded across their screens to be

tortured and killed, and they get a thrill from having a thumbs up or down opinion about it.

The whole vaunted 'arsenal of democracy' is just a Roman circus without the bread. All of these wars, all of this death, all of this open genocide and murder and torture and theft; it's all a show to them. If a bomb ever hits their countries, they freak out and destroy an entire nations (or two, or three, or four). Then make movies about how bad it made them feel. As I said, these are the arseholes of democracy. Bloody minded children being relentlessly marketed war. And business is good.

At this point, what I call the White Empire, now capital'd in America, cannot build anything. That's all been outsourced. All they have left is destruction. Of allies and enemies alike. While China builds infrastructure with its Belt and Road initiative, America just destroys it with its 'rules-based order'. What rules? *We rule. Fuck you.* It's not just enemies like Libya or Syria or Afghanistan that are destroyed and stolen from, they blow up Germany's oil pipelines and gleefully bleed Ukraine to mildly wound their own enemy. America has no allies, only interests, and their ailing President is only interested in violence.

America's visibly aging ruler ran against the previous 'loose cannon' but has run absolutely wild since he took power. Instead of white supremacy at home with Trump, America got untrammled imperialism abroad with Biden, which has actually killed more people. America does not even deploy a fig leaf of diplomacy anymore, it's just war and weapons, immediately and without conscience. The only job the US President takes seriously is his job as the world's largest arms dealer. In Ukraine the US (through its vassal UK) blocked negotiations to sell more bombs and in Israel, they openly veto ceasefires. Where's the money in that? The privatized propaganda they call a 'free press' gobbles up the advertising rights, becoming a much more powerful Radio Rwanda, lying and inciting open genocide. War is farce that gives them meaning, and the only

thing that matters to these ghouls is money. And, as I said, business is good. Across the whole media-military-industrial complex.

The great trick of American Empire has been figuring out that there's more money in *losing* wars than in winning them. You sell more weapons in a losing, intractable conflict, and it's somebody else's country anyways. So they 'lost' trillions in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and are now 'losing' in Ukraine, while their warlords 'make' those same trillions. 'Lose' is of course a misnomer for what's happening. Like money 'lost' during any corruption, someone is making it. It's the arms dealers, who dutifully give politicians, journalists, and think-tanks their cut of the blood money. The world bleeds, but if it bleeds it leads, and blood money is just money when it hits your bank account. The Empire loses every war it starts or inflames, but who cares? It's about the journey, not the destination, and they're whistling past graveyard after graveyard, driving to their third home with their fourth wife in a convoy of SUVs.

These are the invisible winners but I also have a special contempt for the visible losers, westerners 'debating' the latest destruction in public. These useful idiots make all the carnage possible. When Empire does what would be called terrorism and invasion from any other source, it's somehow called 'helping'. But who, in this whole fucking history of terror and invasion, have they ever helped? As mentioned, their people get circuses and no bread, and some fucker in Bethesda gets a third yacht. Far too many people support this carnage charade over and over again, like Charlie Brown get the football yanked away from him, over and over. They should really know better by now but no, yinks again, as thousands more bodies hit the ground.

These people really don't understand what arseholes they are, debating bombing other countries over dinner, as if it's an opinion and not an offense. People in Sri Lanka or Botswana don't 'debate' dropping bombs on Ukraine or Palestine, we'd be rogue states if we did. But if the imperial state does worse what we could ever imagine,

it's called 'helping', and ordinary plebs can get in on the imperiousness.

At this point, after all this killing and all this losing, who gives a fuck about a European or American opinion on anything? These people should really be overthrowing their own government rather than cheering for the latest torture and murder spectacle in front of them. But cheer they do and, as deluded and propagandized as they are, I have no patience for these rubes. War after war, genocide after genocide, they still want to be the good guys and lecture everybody else. They don't get it. They're just useful idiots to arms dealers, and worse than useless to the rest of the world.

The fact is that westerners 'supporting' the latest western war have as much power as a kid watching *Transformers* and munching cereal. They're just sub-citizens being marketed toys by giant corporations, and they don't even get to play with them. The man-children of the West get nothing but headlines and a smug sense of superiority at best. They're schmucks thinking they're supermen, while making subhumans of everyone else. The one place they should support intervention is their own countries, to overthrow their warlords and maybe get some bread for once. But far too many of them don't think like that. They hate whoever their overlords tell them to hate, and think this original thought. In this sense, I despise western liberals more than conservatives. While conservatives are openly evil, liberals act all good, while still doing it.

This modern *Atlantic*, *Economist*, or *New York Times* reader is no better than the modern plebeian in the Colosseum. They feel great power in their thumbs — flipping through the pages, judging this country or the other — while the Empire decides who gets trotted out for execution in the first place. So the modern White Empire trots out communists, then Muslims, then Slavs, then Muslims again, it doesn't matter. Its populations are so fundamentally uneducated that they can put old whine in new bottles and they drink it up. Scary commies become scary Russia, and ISIS becomes Hamas, none of which really makes sense, but it doesn't matter. It makes dollars. There's more

money in reboots and reruns than anything original. No one remotely understands what they're supposed to hate, they just read a page in *The New Yorker* and think themselves entitled to destroy other countries, because they have a tote bag. Fucking arseholes.

What westerners don't understand is that 90% of the problems in the world would be solved by them just *fucking off*. The correct answer to 'what should we do about X' is *nothing*. Just don't make it worse. Western 'good intentions' have been weaponized to great ill. Western 'help' is the highest harm. Beware a Greek bearing gifts, and an American with your flag in their bio. They'll just corrupt your government, hype you up for a media cycles, bomb the shit out of your country, and move onto the next one. As the American war criminal Henry Kissinger said, "*It may be dangerous to be America's enemy, but to be America's friend is fatal.*" The long reign of this incarnation of the White Empire has been a clear and present danger to people everywhere, and ultimately fatal to the planet as we know it. These fuckers need to sit the rest of this century out. If we're being honest, they deserve much worse.

Westerners say 'if we weren't doing all this evil someone else would do worse' and that's just not true. All of the enemies they trot out in their relentless propaganda — China, Russia, Iran — are nowhere near as evil as the White Empire. Just look at who's been invading and bombing random countries. It's not the 'axis of evil' (in modern, ever-shifting parlance, meaning whoever the Empire hates). It's the fucking 'Allies', who incorporated the Nazis into NATO and became a white supremacist terror across the world.

That's why I feel so angry when I see people going from 'debating' war in Ukraine to using the opposite arguments to fuel war in Palestine. It's all a game to these people. It's some set of trendy opinions and hashtags and they have no accountability and keep no accounts. The same ghouls that incited the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq still have jobs as journalists and politicians, while the people brave enough to oppose previous wars have been booted out. It's

censorship via the HR department. These cowards don't fight wars on their own soil so they don't face any consequences. They just despoil other peoples countries and keep going. And they're so sanctimonious about it. It's an abomination.

The fact is that Western democracy doesn't exist. Their arsenal of democracy is just another arsenal, arming arseholes, falling on the innocent, and giving rise to virulent wickedness wherever it falls. All of the ills they claim to fight are exacerbated or outright funded by their incessant fighting. All they have to show for their great imperial power is the regular destruction of the powerless. These warmongers kill the poor all over the world and their war machine is the single-largest polluter in the world, killing the entire living planet. These are the 'leaders of the free world'? They're neither leaders, nor free, nor do they give a fuck about the world. They're the worst people on it, presiding only by sheer force of violence and propaganda.

I have some sympathy for westerners subjected this incessant propaganda, but not much. The fact is that the troubles of the world are *none of your fucking business*. Your gossipy interest in other people's misery has been weaponized into a great business for arms dealers, but it doesn't actually help anyone. The best thing you could do would be to regime change your own governments and get some bread for once. Everything else is just a bloody circus, and we in the global majority are tired of being trotted out for your amusement. As the Spaniard said in *Gladiator*. *Are you not entertained? Are you not entertained? Is this not why you are here?* But honestly, why are you here? From Palestine, to Ukraine, to Afghanistan, to Syria, to Iraq, to the literally hundreds of imperial bases across the world... just fuck off. The arsenal of democracy is a killing joke. It's really just arseholes with bombs.

44. THE SUBTLE PROPAGANDA OF HOLLYWOOD

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I was watching F9 (of the Fast & Furious franchise) and I was struck by one line. The Fast crew is working for the CIA now (who are somehow the good guys) and the bad guy's plan is to "*reboot the world order within minutes.*" As if that's a bad thing. As if this world order is anything but permanent imperial war. But that's Hollywood for ya.

The Fast Crew then proceeds to trash random countries willy nilly **because that's the world order.** This is why I root for the villains in movies now.

The full line in F9 is, "*if you take Aries and upload it to a satellite, then it'll be a matter of time before someone can control any weapon system, traditional, nuclear, stuff we haven't even seen yet, and just point it wherever they want.*" Of course this is what the American government, who they're freelancing for, *already does.* They already have massive weapons systems pointed wherever they want. And they have already used them to kill millions this short century alone. They have already dropped nukes on civilian populations *twice*, invaded multiple countries and constantly assassinate and torture people — including American citizens and journalists — at will. This is the system the supposedly rebellious Fast & Furious crew *defends*, against imaginary opposition. Even more horrifying, this is the status quo we actually live under.

Defending this world order is the general plot of *every* Hollywood blockbuster. Some villain tries to change the status quo and gets violently put down. The superheroes of Avengers work with a US government department and many of these scripts have to be cleared with the Department of Defense before they're released. The core propaganda message is that the way things are is fine, and any change is evil and must be violently resisted. This also matches the general perception on the western news, which is that bad guys are everywhere and America/NATO just has to be bombing/occupying/sanctioning everyone all the time.

There is actually no reason for this in the real world, but in Hollywood propaganda there's always someone trying to end the world, which is why all this violence and violent technology is necessary. American hegemony system is necessary because otherwise people would be pointing nukes at you. Nevermind that the system is literally America pointing nukes at everyone else, and making themselves less safe in the process. No, you should be afraid of, uh, aliens, or Russians, or Arabs, or literally anything but the violent empire you actually live under.

Once you spot the narrative it's hard to unsee it, because this storyline is everywhere. It's loosely the hero's journey, except weaponized by history's greatest villains. The White Empire has figured out the plot to Star Wars and now *uses it* to put down any rebellious thoughts. Hell, they get people to cheer on the CIA, which to any moderately observant person is like watching a film cheering on the Gestapo. People sit in the cinema cheering Avengers or whatever, *but what are they actually cheering for?*

Despite having superpowers, those 'heroes' don't actually do anything to change the world. They don't build anything or do anything with their powers to help the oppressed of the world. Indeed, they both fictionally and actually collaborate with the US government and military. It's only the villains that have any ideas, and they get beaten to death for their troubles. That's what you're cheering for. Rebellion is commodified and made into a Hollywood

dream state, for people to sit in the dark and delude together. Meanwhile the climate-choking, nation-destroying, soul-crushing nightmare of White Empire goes on and on.

As another example (I'm just going by movies I've seen, but you can choose literally any one), take TENET. The Christopher Nolan film is about a future devastated by climate collapse which decides to do something. They send technology back to effectively reboot time. In response, the CIA gets one of their agents to violently defeat the 'bad guys' (Russians and Indians) which actually means... continuing civilization on course to collapse. Once you unwind the radical time-shift of Nolan's work, it's a shockingly conservative film.

No one here is remotely concerned about fact that the Earth gets unlivably bad. Instead they violently reassert the status quo, so a billionaire white woman can drop her kid off at private school. That's literally the emotional climax of the film, while the CIA agent murders an old Indian lady that was trying to do something. I liked TENET when I saw it, but now that I've deconstructed the plot, it's the same as every other film. Someone tries to change the world and that person is evil and must be murdered.

In both TENET and F9, the people doing the beating down are diverse. Modern Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion means being included into Empire, not Empire going down. For the global majority, it is us becoming like them, not them becoming like us. Some day a black man will be James Bond, causing havoc in random countries, when what we really need is a Jemis Bonda, trashing England, toppling the King, and stealing our stuff back. But that will never happen. The players change but the song remains the same. Full speed ahead down a climate, cultural, and spiritual cliff. They're letting colored people and women take the wheel just in time to take the blame.

Hence you cast a black man or a white woman in a role which could just as easily be a white man. It's purely cosmetic change. The new colored or female characters are still *doing* the same things that the old white men did. The women in these action films are 'liberated' by

being as violent as the men and the black men are working for the CIA. Fucking great. It's just a new lick of paint on the old imperial war machine which always was, come to think of it, staffed by colored people.

This is of course reflects reality. Art shapes life and life shapes art, it's hard to say where one starts or ends. Hence in the UK they have brown Home Office Ministers being even more racist than the white ones. You get black artists and athletes expressing paeans to capitalism, because it worked for them. The deprivation that so many celebrities come from is sold as *inspirational*, and an exhortation to 'work harder', as if we must all be the best at something rather than simply living in a decent world. As if this is somehow a good system and not some wretched version of the Hunger Games, forcing people to entertain or fight gladiatorial battles for the basic ability to provide for their families.

Cosmetically, more and more of these blockbusters *look* like a diverse world, while under the hood it's the same old imperial logic. Power is good, anything that changes power relations is bad, and *any* violence is justified in preventing change. Hence in F9, the formerly criminal Fast crew is now working for the CIA, and this world order is just presumed to be good. Yet this world order is the single worst polluter in the world, occupies over 750 military bases, besieges much of the world, coups/manipulates everyone else, and for what? There's no aliens, there's no villains trying to kill everyone for lols. The imperial violence is real and the threats are made up. That's Hollywood's role, and that's the dirty work that the decades of propaganda has done.

Today countless films ([here's an attempted count from 2016](#)) work with the US Department of Defense Entertainment Media Unit to produce privatize propaganda. As the [Pentagon itself](#) says, "*Production agreements require the DoD to be able to review a rough cut of a film, so officials can decide if there are areas that need to be addressed before a film is released.*" Hence if you're going to depict the American military (in a big way), you need to be working with the bastards, which Hollywood has no particular problem with. More perniciously, almost all block-

busters follow the narrative demands of empire, which is to show that there are constant threats requiring constant external violence. This is general the plot of *every* big film, whether it plays with DoD toys or not.

People literally watch movies cheering on the CIA, whose literal job is to murder, lie, and steal. This, to me, is like the Nazi-film-within-a-film of Quentin Tarantino's *Inglourious Basterds*. Watching that we laugh at a movie glorifying Nazi snipers, but there's literally a movie called *American Sniper*. Because of the relentless films, Brits somehow think they won World War II by retreating and getting bombed and Americans think that they were somehow the victims of the Vietnam War. History truly repeats as farce, and people are oblivious to it. It is far better to — as they did in *Inglourious* — light this whole wretched cinema on fire.

What Hollywood thus produces is propaganda for a genocidal, racist, and planet-destroying White Empire which has merely hopped capitals from Europe to America. The American state (which was much admired by Hitler) are just *Nazis that won*. And today victors don't just writes the history, they film the propaganda. And so the narrative of empire permeates all of its blockbusters, and lubricates actual blockbusting of human homes. And we sit in the cinema and clap along. But not me. Not no more. I'm with the villains now.

PART VII

ENEMIES

45.KNOW YOUR ENEMY

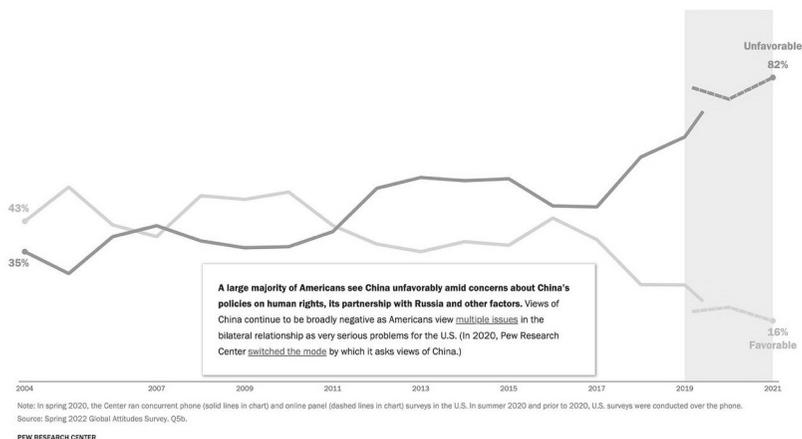
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Well-meaning people reflexively denounce countries like China, Russia, and Iran. They are autocratic, they are dangerous, they are human rights violators. But where does this reflex come from? What do people within the White Empire really know about these places at all? Only what they're told, and they're told to hate.

Is it just coincidence that the enemies of White Empire become the villains in the Cable TV Colosseum? Is it coincidence that the masses reflexively hate these people they really do not understand? As the invaluable Caitlin Johnston writes:

In western "democracies" the majority of people are so effectively propagandized into speaking in alignment with the interests of the western empire that they may as well be taking orders on what to say at gunpoint.

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As an example, here's Pew Research documenting the *effects* of American propaganda while wilfully missing the point. They talk about US opinions changing based on concerns about China's human rights, its partnership with Russia (a name which is now just supposed to mean 'bad' when uttered), and other factors (like COVID-19, which China actually did the best in the world at managing and helping out with). But did people within the White Empire just *spontaneously* start researching Chinese human rights, their relations with Russia, and all of these issues? Lol no. Pew calls their report Global Public Opinion of China During the Xi Era but most people within White Empire don't even know what Xi Jinping's last name is. They only know what they're told and they've been told to hate China, and so now they dutifully do. That's what this graph documents—the powerful effects of western propaganda—and even Pew covers it up by pretending like imperial citizens are actively and independently keeping up with whatever Xi Jinping does.

Western 'democracies' are really just reality TV shows paid for by arms dealers, drug dealers (pharma), and whatever other corporate AI wants to corrupt the place. They periodically host call-in shows called 'elections' but the sponsors remain the same. And remain in charge. It's a circus. The White Empire periodically trots some country its people haven't heard of into the Cable Colosseum to

torture them with sanctions and execute them with drones, and the people dutifully cheer. Hollywood also relentlessly propagandizes the goodness of CIA and MI6 agents and the justification for violence wherever the Empire pleases, because they're the 'good guys'. Historical facts like the millions dead in their Terror Wars alone are just numbers. The Empire lives in stories, and its propaganda arms are unparalleled.

Well-meaning people are pushed into this narrative not just in the vulgar sense of the Chinese and Russians and Iran are evil and trying to kill them. They are pushed into the well-meaning idea that sanctioning and attacking these people is *actually for their own good*. It's the white man's burden redux, now carried in a New Yorker tote bag. The justification for aggression *against* these countries is that these countries are bad and yet—even ignoring the fallacy of that point for the moment—imperial intervention always makes things *worse*. Sanctions are just sieges, and acts of war. Cutting countries off from financial systems just impoverishes people and makes it impossible to even help them during an earthquake.

If well-meaning people were capable of doing any objective analysis they'd see that their good intentions are always weaponized to *make things worse*, but that's not what we're doing here. The western propaganda machine (privatized like their own military) sells Republicans fear and Democrats good intentions, but they're ultimately selling the same thing. They're selling war, and across both sides of the Colosseum aisle, people are buying what the arms dealers and media are selling.

The fact is that whatever the ills of these countries, introducing the cancer of American military attacks, sanctions, and destabilization does not make things better. And this should be the point of being 'well-meaning', you should mean well, not further ill. Barring that, do nothing. Don't dance to the drums of war on your television screen. Turn it off. Except your ultimate impotence that spends what should be your kids tuition money or starving Yemeni children and—if you're truly well-meaning—don't participate.

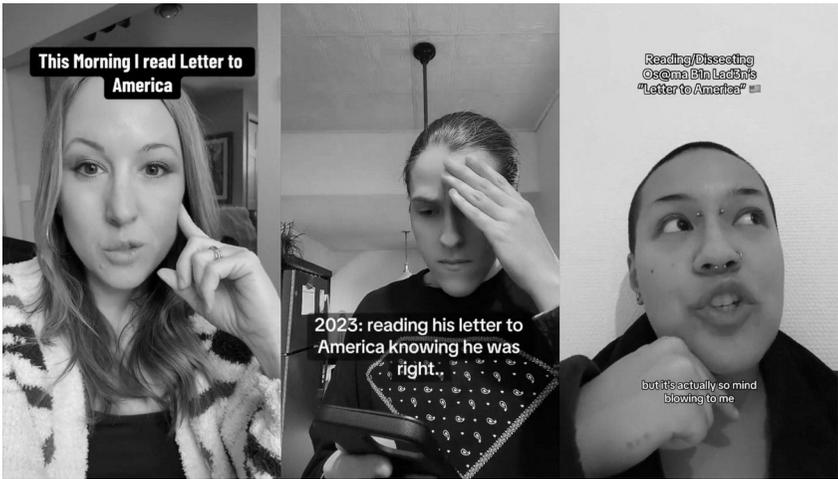
China, Russia, Syria, Venezuela, Iran, whoever they tell you to hate, this is not your enemy. The people telling you to hate are the enemy. The ones making you money selling dick pills and car insurance in between the advertorials for the arms industry they call news. The ones dropping expensive bombs on poor people and offering entire nations like Ukraine and now Taiwan as offerings to the military-industrial complex, leaving them in ruins and shareholders in riches, even in losing.

These foreign countries are fundamentally *none of your business*. No one asks me, a Sri Lanka, what I should do about China. It's got fuck-all to do with me, I know not nearly enough about the subject, and I'm fundamentally powerless. People living within the core of White Empire (US, UK, Australia, Europe) need to understand this too. It's got nothing to do with you. you don't know shit, and you're fundamentally powerless too. You're just a schmuck watching people get crucified in the Cable TV Colosseum and cheering. It's vulgar and offensive, historically, and ultimately impotent. Because the same people crucifying these countries are oppressing and looting *you*.

So next time the five-minute hate comes up, take a break. Turn it off. Being a well-meaning person means wanting good in the world and hate and ignorance just lead to suffering, not good. The people they tell you to hate are not your enemies. The people telling you to hate are. And that is your red and blue flags, your loose White Empire of passport privilege, which casually coups countries like mine, bombs the poorest relentlessly, and tries to start WW3 with the big ones, all while you rubes watch it on the tube.

46.HOW BIN LADEN WAS RIGHT (AND WHERE HE WAS WRONG)

NOVEMBER 2023



History, when it is rewritten, will date the fall of the American Empire to September 11th, 2001. The hegemon lashed around for a while, but at that point, it was mortally wounded. Historically, the fall was quite quick, actually. After decades of occupying, bombing, and destroying the world, after centuries of genocide and slavery, America was finally hit at home on September 11th, and once was all it took. America has been falling ever since, and the signal is just now reaching the brain.

I know that sounds crazy, so feel free to smash the unsubscribe button, I don't mind. If you're still here, understand that the TikTok generation — who has grown up with nothing but the ultra-violent *reaction* to 9/11 — has been re-reading bin Laden's "Letter To The Americans," and finding much to agree with. Because there is. Bin Laden actually denied the attacks, but the letter writes as if he definitely wanted to hit America, so take that as you will.

You have to read his letter critically, especially since he's wildly (and incorrectly) anti-Jewish, but there is both truth in his words and effect in his (purported) actions. So if you're open to rewriting history now — as the Empire is still falling down around us, as the blood is still wet— let's see what we find. Mazer Rackham (from *Ender's Game*) said there's no greater teacher than the enemy, so what can we learn from the 21st century's greatest villain?

9/11

Firstly, your narrator is a Sri Lanka who grew up in America and Canada (same thing, one White Empire). I had just turned 18 about a week before 9/11 and I was walking down the streets of Montreal, minding my business. My friend Jeremy — who served in the IOF, incidentally — ran up and said the twin towers were hit, and I thought he meant *Israel*. I don't know why, but that's what made sense to me at the time.

At that point, I still believed in America and this was quite a shock, outside the realm of possibility really. America had been hit in all of its chakras — the World Trade Center (financial power), Pentagon (military power), with a near-miss on the Capitol (we assume). America had also been hit in a grotesque and terrifying way, passenger airplanes turned into weapons. It was not a terribly damaging military hit, but psychologically, it was devastating. It could have been me on one of those planes and I was, at that point, effectively American inside.

At that point, I — and I think most people in the world — supported America. I heard Rage Against The Machine raging against them, but I thought they were exaggerating. America might have done some bad things but, like the Beatles said, “*it’s getting better all the time.*” In hindsight, I was blind. Everything had already been written and documented and, more to the point, suffered through. But I didn’t know that, and I was pretty average I think. America still had faith and credit across the world. It was only *after 9/11* that they burnt that all up.

Post 9/11

Whatever faith and credit America had, they quickly spent by destroying Afghanistan and *not* finding Bin Laden, and then lying to invade Iraq just cause they felt like it. When people (myself included) talk about the evils of America, we typically include these evils, the five million killed and 40 million displaced in genocidal violence *post 9/11*.

For young people now, this is the *only* America they’ve ever known. Iraq and Afghanistan are just a few places America has destroyed. Libya, Syria, and Yemen have also been assaulted, not to mention the usual coupling and conniving going on. Now, seeing the obvious evil of America in front of us, people have looking back in time. And my god, it’s all war crimes.

Pre 9/11

If you look *anywhere* into American history, the nation was at war. The nation *is* war. As former President Jimmy Carter said, ‘*in its 242-year history, America has enjoyed only 16 years of peace, making it, as he wrote, “the most warlike nation in the history of the world.” Since 2001, the U.S. has spent over \$6 trillion on military operations and war.*’

America was founded not just on war but genocide and slavery. The genocide of the advanced Native American civilizations that lived there, the genocide of Mexicans to the south, the enslavement of

Africans and then even their own rape-borne children, it's just atrocity after atrocity, all the way back to the beginning.

America's inheritance of Britain's Empire (I call it all White Empire) is dated to World War II, and that story is crucial to their mythology as 'the good guys'. But it's lies. World War II was marketed as America 'saving' the world, when in fact they were just conquering it. America — which actively pushed back boats of Jewish refugees — claimed credit for stopping evil Hitler, which wasn't true in two ways. First, it was the USSR that destroyed 80% of the German Army and second, America was so evil that their race laws had inspired Hitler in the first place. Hitler's great sin was that he applied colonial logic to Europeans. The only sin is colonizing white people, colonizing colored people is *still* fine (re: Palestine).

The Americans were not especially good during World War II, they just wrote the history and, more importantly, made the movies. America committed horrendous (and unnecessary) war crimes like the firebombing of civilians in Dresden and other German cities, along with dropping nuclear weapons on civilians *twice* in Japan. Today most people accept these as 'the costs of war' but they are not acceptable at all. Dropping nukes on cities? How did that get normalized? In truth, the Soviet Union and China paid in blood to destroy the German and Japanese Armies, while the Western Allies killed civilians without mercy and made movies about how great they were. They only weren't hung because they won.

The 'winning' allies like France and England and America went on to commit even more genocides, invasions, and starvations after the war, but these were against colored people, who don't count. After World War II America militarily occupied its 'allies' and went on fighting in Korea, Vietnam, and all over South America for further dominion. Today they have nearly 800 military bases all over the world, an Empire that hides in plain sight. The former European countries are just vassals, along with occupied territories like Japan and South Korea. Anybody that needs to buy dollars to get oil is paying them tribute like in the old times. And this Empire has always,

always been undergirded by violence. They only say the world wars ended cause white people stopped dying.

The amount of bombs America dropped on Indochina alone is staggering. Laos is the most bombed country in the world, and America wasn't even officially at war there. America was officially losing in Vietnam at the time, the last place it was able to muster a serious (conscripted) Army. After that they had to depend on technology, proxy armies, and divide and conquer trickery. So you got proxy wars and coups in South America, the mass murder of communists in Indonesia, god knows what meddling in Africa, and the corruption and occupation of the Middle East after the oil crisis, which leads us to bin Laden. At this point, I'll mostly let him speak, because he directly wrote a letter to the Americans, explaining what and why.

Bin Laden's Letter To The Americans

You should read this letter to yourself, it's short. The Guardian deleted its copy after people got interested, but I read in in the book Messages To The World. As bin Laden said,

While seeking God's help, we form our reply based on two questions directed at the Americans: 1) Why are we fighting and opposing you? 2) What are we calling you to, and what do we want from you?

These are the vital questions. So how did he answer, and what do I think he got right and wrong?

Why did he fight America?

The answer to the first question is, in short "*Because you attacked us and continue to attack us.*" And you can't deny him on this point. Bin Laden lists Palestine, Somalia, Chechnya (strangely, that was Russia), Kashmir (India?), Lebanon, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He says, "*Your forces occupy our countries; you spread your military bases throughout them; you corrupt our lands, and you besiege our sanctuaries, to protect*

the security of the Jews and to ensure the continuity of your pillage of our treasures.”

This is all true, except for the part about Jews. Jews are a persecuted people, enlisted as shock troops near the oil. It's classic divide and conquer tactics inherited from the British. Jews are not Zionists, and Zionists are the problem. Since 2002 (when this was written) even most 'Islamist' groups have moved on from this open antisemitism.

For example, the moderate Palestinian liberation movement Hamas says, *“Hamas affirms that its conflict is with the Zionist project not with the Jews because of their religion. Hamas does not wage a struggle against the Jews because they are Jewish but wages a struggle against the Zionists who occupy Palestine.”* This is a boat bin Laden missed because he's definitely racist towards Jews, which is both incorrect and not cool.

Then bin Laden goes on to something which is indisputable. That America, the most 'warlike country in the world' according to its own ex-President, should expect war to come home. As Malcolm X said, it's 'chickens coming home to roost'. As bin Laden wrote:

These tragedies and calamities are only a few examples of your oppression and aggression against us. **It is commanded by our religion and intellect that the oppressed have a right to respond to aggression.** Do not expect anything from us but jihad, resistance, and revenge. Is it in any way rational to expect that after America has attacked us for more than half a century, that we will then leave her to live in security and peace?

This is an important and true point. After attacking everybody everywhere for centuries, America's seem to believe that they alone deserve security and peace. That — like dragons lording over stolen land and loot — they should never be disturbed or even mildly inconvenienced. This isn't rational or right. Cause and effect apply to everybody, and after hitting everyone in the world, someone was

bound to hit back. The question, then, is why hit civilians? This is how bin Laden answers:

You may then dispute that all the above does not justify aggression against civilians, for crimes they did not commit and offenses in which they did not participate: (a) This argument contradicts your continuous repetition that America is the land of freedom, and freedom's leaders in this world. If this is so, the American people are the ones who choose their government through their own free will; a choice which stems from their agreement to its policies.

So bin Laden is saying that *because* America is a democracy, because it claims freedom and governance by the people, those people are also responsible for the actions of their government. I would argue that America is not and never was a democracy, it was founded as an oligarchy of property owners (only a fraction of rich, white men could vote) and remained that way through outright oppression and subtle subterfuge. But this is an interesting argument because, as the translator says, *"Another novel aspect of this statement is the extent to which it uses arguments against the American state circulating widely in the West itself, in effect taunting the United States with not living up to its own rhetoric."*

Another way bin Laden justifies hitting American civilians is saying that American taxes pay for all the war, but even in that argument there are some holes. America's wars are generally *unfunded*, meaning they borrow and sell debt to pay for them. That debt is effectively ancient tribute, as it is 'bought' by foreign countries. So it's actually global vassals and unborn Americans funding these wars, not living taxpayers per se. Bin Laden also says American citizens are soldiers, but these people are effectively debt slaves, trapped under the oligarchy as much as the impotent voters.

In all of these cases bin Laden is really quoting American values back at them, before he gets to his actual point, which is closer to ‘eye for an eye’.

God, the Almighty, legislated the permission and the option to avenge this oppression. **Thus, if we are attacked, then we have the right to strike back. If people destroy our villages and towns, then we have the right to do the same in return. If people steal our wealth, then we have the right to destroy their economy. And whoever kills our civilians, then we have the right to kill theirs.**

People say that ‘eye for an eye’ makes the whole world blind, but the world is already blind. That’s just the people with bloody forks telling everyone else to be quiet. There is a real sense self-defense in what bin Laden is saying, and he’s right. How many civilians did America kill in Indochina, in Indonesia, in South America, in Iraq, in so many countries that it’s easier to list the exceptions? Why shouldn’t some American civilians die? Do they not, in fact, deserve worse, simply by the ancient law of ‘fuck around and find out’? As bin Laden said, *“America does not understand the language of manners and principles, so we are addressing it using the language it understands.”* You can’t really dispute him on that. America is war. That’s all it understands, so that’s the language bin Laden spoke to them. You can’t say they didn’t have it coming.

What did he want from America?

The second part of bin Laden’s letter is what he wants from America. This is quite simple, albeit wildly improbable. He has seven points, the headings of which I will reproduce:

(1) The first thing that we are calling you to is Islam

(2) The second thing we call you to, is to stop your oppression, lies, immorality, and debauchery that has spread among you.

(3) What we call you to thirdly is to take an honest stance with yourselves — and I doubt you will do so — in order to discover that you are a nation without principles or manners, and that, to you, values and principles are something which you merely demand from others, not that which you yourself must adhere to.

(4) We also advise you to stop supporting Israel, and to end your support of the Indians in Kashmir, the Russians against the Chechens, and also to cease supporting the Manila Government against the Muslims in the southern Philippines.

(5) We also advise you to pack your luggage and get out of our lands. We only desire this for your goodness, guidance, and righteousness, so do not force us to send you back as cargo in coffins.

(6) Sixthly, we call upon you to end your support of the corrupt leaders in our countries. Do not interfere in our politics and method of education. Leave us alone, or else expect us in New York and Washington.

(7) We also call you to deal with us and interact with us on the basis of mutual interests and benefits, rather than the policies of subjugation, theft, and occupation, and not to continue your policy of supporting the Jews because this will result in more disasters for you.

I would argue that there's a contradiction here, bin Laden is both telling America to fuck off from the world (which I agree with) and also telling them to follow his worldview. It is a good thing to call someone to Islam, but you can't coerce them there. So he loses me there, but it makes sense when he says:

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(6) **Sixthly, we call upon you to end your support of the corrupt leaders in our countries.** Do not interfere in our politics and method of education. Leave us alone, or else expect us in New York and Washington.

This is all true. America imposes its twisted form of democracy on everyone, and then coups places when it doesn't like the results. It corrupts leaders and elites all over the world, to impose its own interests. Where bin Laden is unique, however, is threatening to hit the hegemon at home. Lots of people have told America to fuck off from their countries. Bin Laden told them to fuck off *in* America. That's why his acts were so historic, and also so historically anomalous.

Most resistance movements and resisting countries today are provincial, not global like Al Qaeda. Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, China, Russia, etc; everybody on America's hit list is not actually trying to hit them at home. They're trying to secure their own homelands or their borders, not attack New York or Washington directly. America lies about its enemies 'trying to take of the world,' but every accusation is a confession. Its enemies mostly just want to be left alone. However, these later rebellions would not have been possible without the judo-chop bin Laden delivered to the Americans. He leveraged their own weight against them, causing the Empire to effectively self-destruct.

As the quietest Palestinian DJ Khaled would say, *'you played yourself'*. Or as bin Laden said, in his prescient warning:

If you Americans refuse to listen to our advice and the goodness, guidance, and righteousness that we call them to, then be aware that you will lose this Crusade Bush began, just like the

other previous Crusades in which you were humiliated at the hands of the mujahidin, fleeing to your home in great silence and disgrace. If you Americans do not respond, then your fate will be that of the Soviets who fled from Afghanistan to deal with their military defeat, political breakup, ideological downfall, and economic bankruptcy.

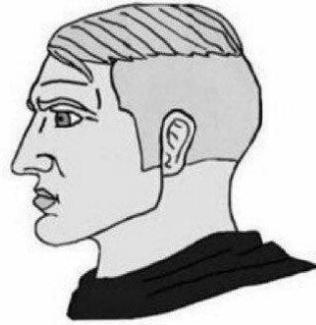
And, I mean, yeah. America was humiliated in Afghanistan. After killing lots of poor people, growing lots of drugs, and then stealing all the forex on the way out, America lost. They should have fled home, but instead they just joined other wars, and are now getting humiliated in Ukraine and, inshallah, Palestine and occupied Syria/Iraq. Military defeat is happening, and ideological downfall also. Young people on TikTok are reading this very letter from Bin Laden and agreeing with much of it. That's how fucked America is. The Empire has no clothes and the kids aren't afraid to point it out.

All that's left on the cards in political breakup and economic bankruptcy, and you could argue that's already started. Donald Trump attacked the Capitol himself (the place Bin Laden missed), and the American economy actually crashed in 2008 and has been a zombie ever since. All that's left is tying up the loose ends before the inevitable ending. America is surely going down ugly and violently (as it came in), but there's only one direction it's going. Down. And history will mark will that it (visibly) started with the World Trade Center falling, and the Pentagon burning. That was the sacking of this Rome. And then the rest was history.

2001



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Yes.

(Via)

Justifying 9/11

At this point, I'll come out and say it. I think the attack on 9/11 was justified. Why shouldn't the 'warlike nation in the history of the world' experience war on its own soil? The fact that Americans *didn't* experience consequences is what kept their external violence going so long. They are, in hindsight, just Nazis that never lost.

As real and terrible as the terror of those people on those flights was, how much terror has America inflicted upon *millions* of people? How much terror is it inflicting right now, on the over 2 million souls in Palestine, cut off from food and water and dying under American bombs? Why should America not feel it? Simply because feelings are reserved for white people? I reject bin Laden's argument that those people somehow deserved it cause America is a people's democracy. They were unrelated and it was collateral damage. That's just war. If Americans don't like that, they shouldn't start so fucking many. It was just a matter of time, really.

In hindsight, 9/11 was a legitimate hit on an illegitimate Empire. It was a shot at the Death Star. The Empire struck back with many bloody and increasingly unnecessary sequels, but it was crashing from that very moment, over twenty years ago. As wrong as bin Laden's language against Jews is — as much as he falls into the imperial 'divide and conquer' against other people of the book — he is right about the 'despicable state' that America and the whole White Empire is in, and always was. And he was right to hit America in its centers of power. 9/11 was more than justified. It was overdue.

After 400, 500 years of killing and colonizing everybody, why shouldn't the colonizers get hit *once*? And amazingly enough, that's all it took. Like a blinded cyclops, America lashed out in every direction, killing millions more people, and then ultimately itself from imperial overstretch. Its military, financial, and governing powers are collapsing, mirroring the symbolic shot that so triggered them 22 years ago. And so history (if we live to write it) will date the fall of the American Empire to September 1st, 2001. It's taking the signal a while to reach the brain, but just look at TikTok today. The kids know what's up. A generation later, they're reading bin Laden and *agreeing* with him. America sucks.

47.HOW RUSSIA IS STRONGER THAN AMERICA

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Teddy Roosevelt said *'speak softly and carry a big stick'* but America today is screaming about Russia and holding nothing but its dick in its hands. And it gets cold in Russia.

The Powerless Superpower

How long can an empire keep losing wars without losing power? As Andrei Martyanov asks *"where are the tangible results in what throughout human history has served as the most important test of power: victories in wars?"* This is a question America has been violently, rudely asking for decades, and the answer has long been 'no'. Now it's just becoming obvious.

Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Syria, all draws or losses. America is capable of destroying things, but not achieving strategic objectives, or even having a strategy beyond destruction for profit. In Afghanistan, America deployed for 20 years, spent trillions of dollars, and still somehow lost to some of the poorest people on Earth. All the blood, all the treasure, it was all for nothing. It was all just human sacrifice on the altars of their war gods, Raytheon and Lockheed Martin.

In Ukraine, NATO trained a large Ukrainian force and flooded the place with billions of dollars in weapons. And it's all getting ground up in Putin's cauldron. America screamed propaganda about how

dangerous Russia is to the world, but then did nothing about it besides profit from the suffering of Ukrainian people. Now they just look impotent.

An empire can't take L after L like this and not one day be deemed a loser. America's military actually sucks, and Andrei Martyanov called it in 2018, in his book Losing Military Supremacy: The Myopia of American Strategic Planning . In that book, he talked about the current conflict with Russia before most of us perceived it happening (though it was happening).

World War II

The last war America really 'won' was World War II, and they didn't really win it. As Carl von Clausewitz said about a definition of victory:

What do we mean by the defeat of the enemy? Simply the destruction of his forces, whether by death, injury, or any other means — either completely or enough to make him stop fighting...The complete or partial destruction of the enemy must be regarded as the sole object of all engagements... Direct annihilation of the enemy's forces must always be the dominant consideration.

By this measure, the USSR did 80% of the winning of World War II. The brutal, methodical grinding up of the Wehrmacht was accomplished on the Eastern Front, not the Western.

For most of the war, 75–80 percent of the Wehrmacht had to be deployed in the East, a preponderance dictated by the sheer size of the front, and 80 percent of German war dead perished there: about four million of the five million German soldiers killed in World War II. (WWII Museum)

This is the bloody point of war, not retreats like Dunkirk or finding random privates named Ryan. The point is killing your enemy in such numbers that they submit to your will. And the USSR did most of it.

Americans especially have no idea about that side of the war. As a schoolchild in America, however, I was not taught about the Soviet contribution *at all*. The Americans swooped in, kicked ass, Hitler was bad, the end. The Soviets somehow randomly ended up in Berlin, around the same time, walking in the back door.

As Martyanov said (quoting a 2015 survey) *“an overwhelming majority of the American public, 55%, think the US contributed the most to the defeat of Germany with only 11% thinking it was Soviet Union, as one of many similar polls testify. If those astonishing numbers are not the result of propaganda, one is then forced to contemplate how, other than due to propaganda, such a complete obliviousness to the basic facts of WWII could have been achieved.”*

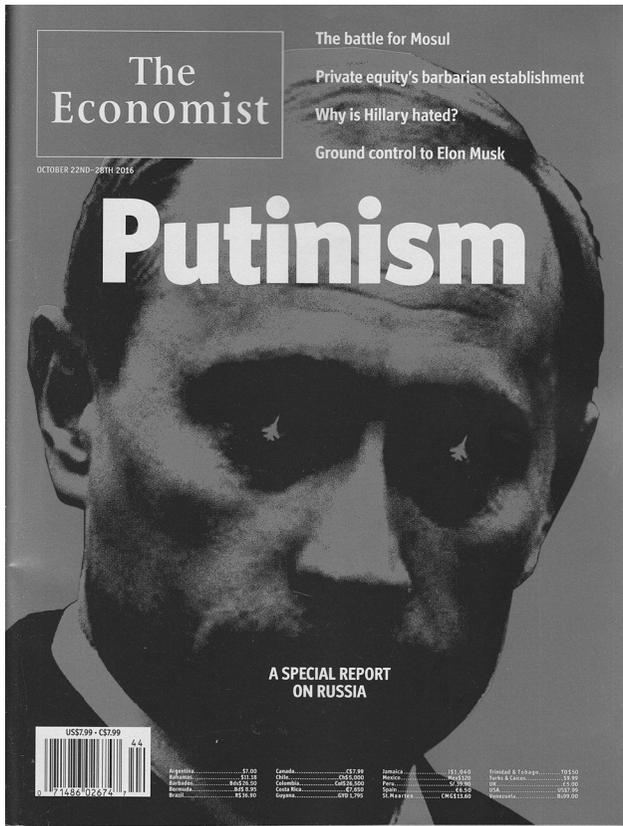
And it is indeed propaganda. Americans have made countless movies about finding random privates, hidden art, and minor generals like Patton. The British made movies about their retreats, speeches, and code-breaking. These are all interesting stories, but none of them are the real story of war, which is encountering the enemy and killing them in numbers.

The Russians knew this quite viscerally and thus the stories they tell their schoolchildren are quite different. As Robert Skidelsky wrote in the intro to a book on Russian textbooks, *“The Russians believe, quite rightly, that it was they who bore the brunt of the fighting and the horror. They also claim, in my view rightly, that it was they who defeated the Germans with rather minimal help from the Western Allies.”*

This is undeniably true, but even when it is acknowledged in the west, it is portrayed as mindless human sacrifice, with no regard for human life. As wildly racist American war hero George C. Patton said:

The difficulty in understanding the Russian is that we do not take cognizance of the fact that he is not a European but an Asiatic and therefore thinks deviously. We can no more understand a Russian than a Chinaman or a Japanese and, from what I have seen of them, **I have no particular desire to understand them except to ascertain how much lead or iron it takes to kill them. In addition to his other amiable characteristics, the Russian has no regard for human life and is an all-out son of a bitch, a barbarian, and a chronic drunk.**

This of course sounds wildly racist, but western attitudes towards Russia haven't changed. In 2016 the *Boston Globe* said "Putin's Russia is a poor, drunk soccer hooligan." You get *Economist* covers like this all the time:



Martyanov said — “*For Patton, Russians were a “scurvy race and simply savages” and he thought he could “beat the hell out of them,”* — and to be honest, modern American propoganda against Russia is as dehumanizing and dismissive. And also inaccurate.

The fact is that the USSR didn't just throw hordes of bodies at the *Wehrmacht*, they beat the highly sophisticated Germans with industrial production, logistics, and strategy. And the Germans were pretty good at that stuff.

After losing huge amounts of men and *materiel* in the initial German invasion, the USSR literally moved entire factories across the country and became a military-industrial powerhouse. They were then able to move that stuff *back* to the frontlines, replacing ungodly amounts of tanks, planes, and ammunition that were destroyed every day.

From 1943 the Russians were pushing the Germans back, absolutely grinding up the *Wehrmacht* in retreat, while the Nazis left absolutely scorched earth behind. As Martyanov said, “*For Patton it was “one hell of a war”; for the Soviet people it was hell — a moral distinction which never entered American consciousness on any level.*”

Martyanov talks about Patton—who Paul Fussell called “a master of chickenshit”—because “*This eulogizing of Patton provides one of the best examples of American military culture’s complete detachment from the scale of WWII and its inability to analyze or learn from it.*”

As Martyanov says,

The issue, thus, is with the fact that be it in 1945 or in 2012, or even 2017, the American body politic remained and continues to remain utterly ignorant on the history and thinking processes of the overwhelming majority of people from the only nation in the world which has the capability to destroy the United States and which knows intimately what real war is, a knowledge American political and intellectual classes do not have.

In this way, America still suffers from what Bryan MacDonald calls **Russophobia** — “*a condition where the sufferer believes Russia is both about to collapse, and to take over the world.*” It is impossible to make any good decisions around a contradiction like this. This failing even more than strategy, logistics, or even will is the cardinal sin of war. Ignorance. As Sun Tzu said:

Know the enemy; know yourself, and you will meet with no danger in a hundred battles. If you do not know the enemy, but you know yourself, then you will win and lose by turns. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will lose every battle, certainly.

America doesn't know its enemy, but even more dangerously, it doesn't know itself. That's why they lose every war.

The American Military

Americans think their military is great because they watched *Top Gun*. Or *Transformers*. Or any number of Hollywood films the Defence Department consults on and approves. They've violated the 4th Crack Commandment and gotten high on their own propaganda supply.

In terms of bang for the buck, the American military actually sucks. They spent trillions of dollars in Afghanistan causing untold misery and ultimately just getting their tails tucked. *“As a longtime observer of Russian and American affairs, Patrick Armstrong, put it: “I can't get two questions out of my mind: When was the last time the USA won a war? When was the last time US-trained troops fought effectively?”*

These are very simple and important questions that get ignored amidst all the Tom Cruise smiles and big numbers that get thrown around. Yes, the United States is the largest military in the world, with the most bases, with the most expensive equipment. *But how does it perform?*

After WWII, Korea was a draw and Vietnam was a loss. Afghanistan was a loss and the only victor in the Iraq War was Iran. Now in Ukraine, a NATO-trained and armed military is getting clobbered by a smaller Russian force. This is by no means an exhaustive list of the places America has invaded or meddled, but it's not a winning record wherever they go. The American military has certainly killed millions of poor people, but that's not winning anything. It's just loss.

Jonah Goldberg cited Michael Ledeen as saying *“Every ten years or so, the United States needs to pick up some small crappy little country and throw it against the wall, just to show the world we mean business.”* What does it tell you that America does this and then *loses* to those 'crappy little countries'. It tells you that America's military power is actually bankrupt.

The American military regularly and resoundingly gets defeated by guys in Toyota Hiluxes. It has no chance against a peer competitor like Russia. When you hear about how much money America spends on its military, that's actually a measure of how corrupt and decrepit it is, not how powerful. When you hear about places they're meddling that's just a measure of how much they're getting looted by arms contractors. It's all losses.

Russia

John McCain said "*Russia is a gas station masquerading as a country*" in 2016 and then followed up by saying it needed to be surrounded by missiles, not something you usually do to a gas station. He was of course delusional, caught in the core contradiction of American foreign policy. Its enemies must be simultaneously dangerous and weak.

As Martyanov writes,

It seems this economy which was "left in tatters" or was the economy of a "gas station masquerading as a country," is the only other economy in the world which can and does produce the whole spectrum of weapons ranging from small arms to state-of-the-art complex weapon- and signal- processing systems. No other nation with the exception of the US and Russia, not even China, can produce and procure cutting edge military technology which has capabilities beyond the reach of everyone else. The truth is that Russia still has the capability to nuke America, it has more proven ability to use combined arms on the ground (having trounced US-trained armies in Georgia and Ukraine), and it even has anti-ship missiles that can disable America's expensive and ungainly Navy.

The greatest illusion is that America even understands what war is. Whenever I watch Hollywood films I'm struck that all of that overwhelming force is generally deployed against the poorest, most helpless people on Earth. America is literally wandering around the sandbox, murdering children, thinking they're great conquerors. They're not.

The proof is that when Russia invaded Ukraine the US made a big show about how awful it was, and then didn't show up on the ground. Because they know they can't. A huge propaganda blitz of *Russophobia* was all they had to offer. Russia was both incredibly evil and about to conquer Europe, and hopelessly incompetent and about to be kicked out of Ukraine. But now neither has happened. America looks completely idiotic and impotent. As Martyanov said:

Manipulation and PR are no substitute for actual victory which is defined universally as achieving the political objectives of the war, or in Clausewitz's one liner — the ability to compel the enemy to do our will.

And America can claim no victory in Ukraine. It spoke loudly and carried a limp dick. It's just another L. Russia called their bluff.

Long Time Coming

The crazy thing about Martyanov's book is that he wrote it in 2018, well before what we call the Ukraine war. The fact is that America and Russia have been at proxy war in Ukraine for almost a decade, which has now become obvious to everyone. But Martyanov was calling this out even earlier (in 2014) on his blog:

But it is already clear that by failing to achieve any sensible political objectives in Ukraine and in Russia, and, by this,

starting a massive global realignment, the United States sustained a defeat. What will be the consequences of this defeat? I hate to speculate, I just know that they are already big and that the moment of facing the reality is coming. My suggestion to those who are still making decisions — open and start reading *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy. I don't hold my breath, though. The moment US handlers of their Kiev puppets conceived that the Ukrainian Army can 'win' in Donbass, the stopwatch started.

The fact is that war in Ukraine *has* been happening since 2014, killing over 15,000 people since then. And Martyanov was calling it from the beginning. As he expanded in 2018:

The United States, represented by its elites, must understand a simple truth of the new millennium: [Counterinsurgency] operations and the technological dominance the US enjoyed over backward and badly trained third world militaries is over. **From here on the only adversary the United States can possibly expect to encounter, in case of any increasingly likely military conflict, is Russia — the power with enough economic, military and technological expertise to call the 70-year long American military bluff and with it, end Pax Americana once and for all.**

Hence Martyanov is worth reading, because he saw it coming. In the long historical view, there was *never* peace between the US and Russia. As Harry Truman said in 1941, *“If we see that Germany is winning we ought to help Russia and if Russia is winning we ought to help Germany, and that way let them kill as many as possible, although I don't want to see Hitler victorious under any circumstances.”*

Even though American workers kindly stuck whiskey in the barrels of Lend-Lease tanks sent to the Soviet Union, their masters were always hankering after disaster. Which is all conflict with Russia is. The hubris of American civilian and military leadership hasn't changed. Patton's attitude from the 1940s still applies today:

The American Army as it is now exists could beat the Russians with the greatest of ease, because while the Russians have good infantry, they are lacking in artillery, air and in tanks, and in knowledge of the use of combined arms, whereas we excel in all three of these.

But this just isn't true. It never was. The USSR had and Russia still has *functionally* equivalent artillery, air, tank, and even naval support. Russia has vastly more experience using these combined arms against near-peer enemies, having been fighting in Ukraine and having defeated another NATO-trained/equipped army in Georgia. The US just has experience deploying very expensive systems against poor people fighting back with \$20 IEDs. And those people have been *winning*.

As Laurie Buckhout—former chief of US Army electronic warfare—said “*Our biggest problem is we have not fought in a comms-degraded environment for decades, so we don't know how to do it. We lack not only tactics, techniques and procedures but the training to fight in a comms-degraded environment.*” As Martyanov added, “*In fact, the United States military hadn't fought any adversary which could provide a serious fire response on the ground, in the air and on the water since WWII.*” And remember, they didn't win World War II either. They just made the most movies about it.

In reality, America has been getting its ass-kicked around the world by guerrilla armies for decades and making movies like *Rambo* afterwards to make themselves feel better. They somehow preserved the aura of superpower because they were capable of so much death and

destruction. They may have been dumb, but they were at least *looked* powerful. Look at all the explosions.

But now America is faced with peer-level threat in Russia that they're making a lot of noise about, *but not doing anything*. They're supplying arms, but not lifting a finger of their own. Because they're actually too weak. Putin has called their bluff.

It seems crazy to say that Russia is stronger than America, but they definitely are in Russia. As Martyanov says, "*American culture simply doesn't know what fighting off an invader is like*" and Russia does. For generations. Russia has the people, the hardware, and the will to do it, whereas for America it's just a dick-measuring contest.

Just as World War II was won by *alliance* with Russia, America's unipolar hegemony was preserved by *agreement* with Russia. And America ruined that by shoving NATO up their ass, with expansion after expansion. Now Russia has had enough and the brief unipolar order is over. Martyanov told Americans that winter was coming in 2014 and 2018. Now it's obvious.

Russia is winning in Ukraine, Europe is running out of heating energy, America is heading into sanctions-induced recession, and Ukraine itself is getting methodically shorn of its most resource-rich regions. Unlike Roosevelt who spoke softly and carried a big stick, Joe Biden is just standing there with his dick in his hands, yelling impotently. It's not a good look, and all America had was the *appearance* of military power. Now even that is gone.

In case it wasn't obvious, this is all based on Andrei Martyanov's book [Losing Military Supremacy: The Myopia of American Strategic Planning](#), including following his footnotes. It's well worth a read, especially since he wrote it before shit popped off.

48. STOP HATING CHINA OR RUSSIA OR WHOEVER YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO

DECEMBER 2022

White people (and those becoming white) need to stop hating. Hate China, hate Russia, hate Syria, hate Iraq, hate North Korea. Think yourselves better than them because 'human rights', it's the new secular Christendom, justifying new Crusades. You're a bunch of sheep, led by wolves.

Back then your rich sold you a sense of religious superiority while they spread white supremacy, death, and human and environmental looting across the world. You were spreading Christianity and you could feel good about that, even proud of your murdering thieving corporations, who brought little home to you. Nevermind that Asia and Africa had Christianity *first*, and were wealthier and less violent than the flavorless, savage tribes of Europe. You could feel better than colored people, while your better made a killing and impoverished you too. The same thing is happening today, except you call it 'democracies vs autocracies'. It's the same old violence and looting in different clothing.

Today's western news doesn't make you smarter or more informed about the world. It's *all* advertising. You get sold pills in the break and war during the main. Your countries and media are bought and paid for by corporations and arms dealers, and you're a bunch of suckers, thinking that hating who you're supposed to hate gives you

power, makes you righteous, makes you cool. You're a bunch of tools.

It's all the same as the two-minute hate in 1984, except it's 24/7 now. I'm old enough to remember when people didn't hate China for example, but after Trump the whole media apparatus turned on a dime. And now you hate who you're supposed to. The amount of casual, moralizing hatred towards China among ordinary white (and whitening) people is shocking. People just casually call for the overthrow of other peoples governments, ignoring the trauma that causes, ignoring the human tragedy of the USSR's collapse, and how capitalist wolves gorged on the corpse.

The truth is that white (and white-aspiring) people should overthrow *their own* governments. The United States and its lackeys in White Empire are in fact the greatest threat to the world, with the worst track record *by far*. America and NATO have invaded *countless* countries, while they gin up fear about Russia invading Ukraine. White Empire has interfered in countless elections, including overthrowing an elected government in Ukraine itself, and they act like Russians are the great evil for buying Facebook ads.

White Empire points to a few protests in China and turns a complete blind eye to *huge* protests in their own country. Black Lives Matter was the largest protest movement in American history and the only conclusion was that *they don't*. America has funded the police even more and turned a demand for human rights in their own country into a hashtag used by corporations. It's a killing joke.

The fact is that China, Iran, Russia, or whoever you're told to hate is *none of your fucking business*. White (and whitening) people are like Lennie in *Of Mice And Men*. That large but slow man just wanted to pet mice, and women, but ended up killing them with his lumbering kindness. George finally had to take him out back and shoot him. That's what you should do with your own governments, or at least shut the fuck up. After the carnage of colonialism, after the ravages of capitalism, after the wars of terror you have waged over the past decades, the least you can do is shut the fuck up.

Nobody wants to hear how bad some other country is. We've heard how bad Saddam is, or Gaddafi, and all you've left is mass casualties and slave markets in the wake of your good intentions. You don't get it. *You are the ones who knock.*

People within White Empire are not functional democracies. China, for example, has a more functional and responsive democracy than you. China is *certainly* more democratic than the European Union, which is literally an oligarchic trade union (founded via the steel industry) that has an unelected leader proudly loading this sham democracy into bombs and even cutting off the heat for her own people. China is *absolutely* more responsive to actual citizen needs than America or anyone in Europe having saved *millions* of lives with zero COVID, while the West crows about COVID infinity like it's a virtue. These coughing, killing, assholes are always lecturing everybody about how great they are, and we see through you.

The casual hate is nauseating. The restart of the Cold War is the last thing we need right now. Right now we're facing deadly Global Warming and where are these fuckers directing resources? At restarting the Cold War. The fact is that *everyone* should be uniting to fight this shared threat. China is the world's largest producer of renewable energy, and the West is sanctioning them simply because they don't want to see non-White people come up. Preserving their own privilege is more important than preserving the planet.

They're going out the way they came into power. Destroying the planet and other countries for money and power. Colonialism is climate change, and it never ended. It just became capitalism, Christendom because 'democracy and human rights'. It's new whine in old bottles, while the drones whirl relentless above. The truth is that all your good intentions are manipulated by the arms dealers and oligarchs that actually run you. They turn into bad actions over our countries, and we're supposed to be grateful. We're not.

The South wants fuck all to do with you hot war against Russia and cold war against China. We don't want war at all. It's hopeless saying to the most propagandized people in Earth—who think their billion-

aire-run press is 'free', and how think choosing blue or red is 'democracy'—but y'all need to shut the fuck up and sit the rest of this century out. You've made a mess of the last 400 years, of the last 4 decades, of the planet, and of your own lives. Get your own house in order instead of burning everyone else's down in vain self-righteousness. Y'all need to stop hating. It's hurting people.

49. HOW TO DEPROGRAM YOURSELF FROM HATING CHINA

AUGUST 2022

You're supposed to hate China now. White Empire is at war with Eastasia and was always at war with Eastasia. Whatever's happening in your country, never mind that, it's not as bad as *China*. However bad conflict would be for you personally, never mind that either, it's for the greater good. This is all bullshit of course. The hatred of China is manufactured.

As per Pew Research, the negative impressions of China just spike up around the time of Donald Trump and never abated. Nothing objectively *happened* during this time, hatred against China was just ginned up. America always needs some enemy, and China became the latest one.

It's curious standing in the madding crowd and practicing the art of simply *remembering*. I'm old enough to remember when Empire wasn't at war with China. When China was actually cool. I consumed a steady diet of imperial media gruel as a young man and I got the distinct sense that China was *happening*. 'Go East Young Man' was the sense I got and I did. I went to visit China and hung around for a month. This was in 2012, just before the frenzy began.

Then in 2016, Donald Trump *et al* decided that China was the enemy and the media wagged along. Given the profit incentive in creating

drama *somewhere*, privatized propaganda is even more effective than state propaganda, both deniable and reliable. The CIA has a brain-fart and shit comes out of CNN.

Now it's 2022 and these manufactured tensions have only gotten worsen. Given the dumbass duopoly that is American politics, the Democrats dutifully continue whatever fights the Republicans start. The ruling oligarchy of arms dealers, media barons, and assorted *rentiers* continue their profits unabated under whatever administration.

There simply has to be some enemy to hate, and to make you grateful for your own misery, and there always is. Russia, Muslims, China, they just dust of the old racist tropes and selective anecdotes and play and replay. I'm not here to convince you, as Caitlin Johnstone says, that "*China is better than the United States of America. Not because China is perfect, but because the US is quantifiably the single most destructive and murderous government on this planet by an extremely massive margin.*"

If you look at this with remotely objective eyes, this is objectively true, but you can't see clearly if you're subsisting on imperial gruel. My point here is to invite you to deprogram yourself by changing the programming. These are recommendations for a few books, academic sources, and newsletters that you can use to learn about China directly. Even if you *want* to hate them this is useful. Know your enemy as Sun Tzu and Rage Against The Machine said.

Thinking

A lot of Western propaganda against China is based on them *being like the West*. For example, the whole debt-trap lie is based on the fact that most of the developing world actually is in dollarized debt traps, or under the financial control of colonial powers like France.

The idea that China wants to conquer the world and *replace* America as hegemon is based on the fact that this is all whiteness seems to understand. From the Portuguese to the Dutch to the British to the

Americans, the same White Empire keeps changing hands, and they assume that China wants the same thing.

If you read any Chinese philosophy, however, they generally give zero fucks about anything outside of the Middle Kingdom. In the late 1400s they came to places like Sri Lanka, gave gifts, and then just never came back for centuries. They had stuff at home. They already knew how to season their food. They simply weren't interested.

This is not to say that they don't have *interests*, but that's different from domination and colonization, which is a historical anomaly and a uniquely western model, borne out of western philosophy. A lot of western thinking about China is based on the assumption that they think the same, and this just isn't true. China has its own completely different philosophy. *Philosophies*, really. I'm just scratching the surface here, there is constant debate now and always was throughout their history.

Ancient Philosophy

Western philosophy is so arrogant that it generally doesn't even admit that the rest of the world even *has* philosophy at all. It's just 'the mystical aphorisms of the fortune cookie'. As Bryan Van Norden says in his important book *Taking Back Philosophy*:

These critical comments suggest that non-European thought somehow isn't as good as European philosophy. Most contemporary Western intellectuals gingerly dance around this issue. The late Justice Antonin Scalia was an exception, saying in print what many people actually think, or whisper to like-minded colleagues over drinks at the club. In the majority decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized gay marriage across the United States, Chief Justice Anthony Kennedy quoted both Confucius and the Roman philosopher Cicero (106-43 BCE) on the "centrality of marriage to the human

condition." In his dissenting opinion, Scalia chided Kennedy for daring to invoke the Chinese sage: "The Supreme Court of the United States has descended from the disciplined legal reasoning of John Marshall and Joseph Story to the mystical aphorisms of the fortune cookie." He echoes this sentiment in the conclusion of his dissent: "The world does not expect logic and precision in poetry or inspirational pop-philosophy; it demands them in the law. The stuff contained in today's opinion has to diminish this Court's reputation for clear thinking and sober analysis." Notice that Scalia said nothing that might be interpreted as an aspersion upon Cicero; only Confucius earned his contempt.

Ironically, Confucius is featured on the East Pediment of the Supreme Court Building, along with Moses and Solon, as representing three of the great legal and moral traditions of the world.

— TAKING BACK PHILOSOPHY. BRYAN W. VAN
NORDEN

As Van Norden says, almost all philosophy departments should actually be called "*departments of Anglo-European philosophy to reflect their intentional disregard of everything outside the mainstream philosophical canon.*" As Immanuel Kant said, "*The race of the whites contains all talents and motives in itself.*"

SOME KANT QUOTE ON RACE

"The race of the whites contains all talents and motives in itself."

"The Hindus...have a strong degree of calm, and all look like philosophers. That notwithstanding, they are much inclined to anger and love. They thus are educable in the highest degree, but only to the arts and not to the sciences. They will never achieve abstract concepts."

"The race of Negroes... [is] full of affect and passion, very lively, chatty and vain. It can be educated, but only to the education of servants, i.e., they can be trained."

"The [indigenous] American people are uneducable; for they lack affect and passion. They are not amorous, and so are not fertile. They speak hardly at all, ...care for nothing and are lazy."

My point here is not to explain Chinese philosophy in general, or how it connects to the issues of the day. My point is simply to invite you to read *any* Chinese philosophy, to get you thinking differently. And to understand that other people might think differently, and not just be evil because a few columns of newsprint tell you so.

I've gone through the four books recommended here and they have each changed my life in different ways.

- **Confucius's Analects** is just a deep mind-bender, a series of riddles and subtle digs at his followers, always dancing around 'the way' but never showing it. Every disciple must find their own way. What comes through for me is the primacy of action and example (Confucius is always talking about ritual, and leaders modeling good behavior), which is very different from knowing and saying the right things. Confucius was all about right action.
- **The Daodejing** is one of the most beautiful and befuddling books I've ever read, and a good light starting point because it's basically poems. But each poem has to be read and re-read, and you never quite understand them, and gods know what's lost in translation. The Dao really feels like stepping stones in a river of knowledge, you're only just getting your feet wet.
- **Zhuangzi** is probably my favorite Chinese philosophy though I agree with and understand him the least. He is just extremely radical, wondering whether he's a butterfly or a

human, decrying sages (ie, philosophers) as the root of misfortune and calling to ‘*smash the jade tablets*’ entirely.

- **Mengzi** is, to my mind, the most practical of these philosophers. He tried earnestly to get the idiots of his day to govern wisely and he has a lot of practical advice on how to manage people and a state, almost all of which went ignored then and today.

The crazy thing when you read these works is how different they are from each other, and then how much more is out there. These are all sometimes grouped under ‘Confucianism’ but that’s not one thing. Even Confucius’s living disciples had completely different interpretations. People like Mengzi and Zhuangzi are separated by centuries, and they’re all very different. And each of these philosophers is in constant debate with *other* philosophies, many of which (like the equally huge category Legalism) actually won the day.

The point is not that China is governed or lived according to these philosophies. These guys were rejected at the time and remain revered but misunderstood to this day. It all just gets you thinking about thinking, and how it can be so different while our problems are fundamentally the same.

As Van Norden says, “*Using the notion of a “solved game” as an analogy, we could say succinctly that “philosophy is dialogue about important unsolved problems.”*” Hence the point of reading philosophy is not to get answers, it’s to think of different ways to ask questions. You have to start there.

Modern Debate

There is a myth that everybody thinks the same and *has* to think the same in China, but there’s actually a huge range of debate, which the website [Reading The China Dream](#) helpfully maps into three categories and publishes in translation. The scholar Gan Yang calls these the ‘three traditions’:

At present, we can identify three traditions in China. One is the tradition that has taken shape after 25 years of reform... This tradition has, for the most part, grown out of the “market,” and includes many concepts with which we are all familiar today, such as freedom and rights.

Another tradition is that beginning with the establishment of the People’s Republic and that took form during the Mao Zedong era. This is a tradition characterized particularly by its emphasis on equality and justice.

Finally, of course there is also the tradition of Chinese civilization, forged over thousands of years. This is what we often call Chinese traditional culture or Confucian culture. It is often difficult to describe Chinese traditional culture, but in the everyday life of the Chinese people it is basically expressed, to put it simply, in terms of interpersonal relationships and ties of locality.

Reading The China Dream calls them Liberals, the New Left, and New Confucians, with the caveat that, “*The reality is of course more complex, as there are divisions within the groups, overlapping concerns shared by members of competing groups, and any number of people who fall outside of the groups.*”

My point here is that just reading through that site, you get a very different impression than this monolithic country where Xi Jinping thought is the only thought in the country. To be honest I find more introspective and incisive debate about democracy in Chinese sources than in the west. There is also plenty of criticism of their current system, including from scholars that are now in the Politburo. That scholar, Wang Huning, is actually a vital observer of America because, as the aforementioned Gan says, quoting Hegel “*What is ‘familarly known’ is not properly known, precisely for the reason that it is familar.*”

Again, and I'll keep repeating this, even if you hate China and *want* to hate China you should still read this stuff. If you're serious about fighting an enemy you need to know them, and reading your own propaganda is just deceiving yourself. As Biggie said, never get high on your own supply. Or as Ender said in the novel Ender's Game,

“In the moment when I truly understand my enemy, understand him well enough to defeat him, then in that very moment I also love him. I think it's impossible to really understand somebody, what they want, what they believe, and not love them the way they love themselves. And then, in that very moment when I love them — I destroy them.”

Hence even if this is your goal, and I think it's a terrible goal, you should still read modern thinking from China, and not in the idiot sense of generalizing it for a western audience, like Niall Ferguson reading one science fiction book and concluding that Chinese people are essentially an alien race that the West should be in survival mode against. I mean reading Chinese thinking in the sense of *being confused*, of learning something, and of changing how you yourself think.

Reading The China Dream is a deep source for this, the Chinese Voices newsletter from Dongsheng is a lighter and more frequent email, and Pekingology is a good substack on the business end. I won't read news sources because I don't read any. In my opinion, it takes way too much critical energy to read the news and I'd rather just read an essay, a book, or stare at a tree for wisdom.

Criticism

As I've said, there's a lot of criticism from within China. Read the many works from 'Liberals' as translated by Reading The China Dream. Dongsheng publishes stuff on abandoning COVID-Zero, for

example, that I don't agree with. This is all from within China. I'm not saying that criticism from outside China is invalid, but if it doesn't engage with what Chinese people are actually publishing then *it is invalid*. This sort of criticism is just lazy and ignorant, and disrespectful of both the Chinese people and its own audience.

The critical works that I've recently read out of/about China recently are the novel [China Dream](#) by Ma Jian, a biting satire about venal corruption within the political elite. Then there's the film '[Inside Wuhan](#)' by Ai Weiwei, which was critical at the time, but honestly looks utopian at this point. Then there's the graphic novel [A Chinese Life, In Pictures](#). This describes a great cartoonist's *personal* experiences of famine during the Great Leap Forward, violence during the Cultural Revolution, and all the things that happened in his life.

Li Kunwu (the cartoonists) does not conclude the work critically of the CPC, he says, "*Those who know or can understand our misfortune must also be able to understand my profound desire for order and stability, in which I await our growth and rebirth.*" However, just reading and 'seeing' his life you can find plenty to be critical of.

Culture

I'll add a few things here, but this is extra credit. I guess go back in time and watch the old **Journey To The West** cartoons, I grew up on the picture books and still consider Sun Wukong (the Monkey King) a personal role model.

Michael Nylan's translation of Sun Tzu's [Art Of War](#) is excellent, but I only mention it as a shot/chaser to read the historical epic [The Romance Of The Three Kingdoms](#), which I guess you could call a real Game Of Thrones. I see it as the Art Of War come to vivid life. For just a snapshot you can watch the films **Red Cliff I and II** by John Woo. It all goes well together.

There's obviously a lot of Chinese culture, it's over a billion people now and thousands of years of history. I got this coffee table book [China: A Celebration in Art and Literature](#) and there was an

ancient poem about a father just missing his home and children. It brought me to tears. There are these simple, often mundane moments in poetry and the arts that connect you as people, across space and across time. It's really hard to hate once you have felt intimacy that way.

Then of course there is **The Three-Body Problem**, Liu Cixin's Sci-Fi masterwork that Niall Ferguson butchers in his warmongering. To me, it's the best science fiction I've read recently, perhaps ever. It's the first one that truly melted my brain since *Neuromancer* by William Gibson.

These are just the things I enjoy, but there is just so much to enjoy, to experience, or even to enrage. You can of course go there, but these days its so easy to just turn a page.

The Question Of China

The 'question' of China is so much more than what do you (the West) do about it. I personally started from a place of ignorance so I tried to read about the history I didn't know, people I didn't understand, culture I hadn't experienced. So much of western media starts from answers, as if you can understand anything from a few magazine pages or minutes on the TV news. What can you understand? That something is bad and to hate it? This is a pale pantomime of understanding, a Punch and Judy show made of paper cutouts.

Even hatred of an enemy, properly understood, is a lot like love. Even if you want to approach learning this way, you can learn a lot. There are different ways to ask questions, there are debates raging right now, there are different ways to see yourself, and to see the humanity in others. Even if you want to see China as a threat and defeat it, then all the more reason to learn.

I personally don't see it that way. I started learning about China with a lot of suspicion, but what I discovered is someplace that is incredibly complex, not intrinsically evil, and which does a lot of good. But I won't even talk about that here. Draw your own conclusions. I am

simply asking you to expand the canvas you draw on. I've been reading and experiencing this stuff actively for years and passively for my whole life, but literally just pick any place and start.

This is not to affect geopolitics or avert Cold War II/World War III. That shit's already popping off, regardless of us. My point is just why live in ignorance? It's honestly so boring. China sucks, China sucks, ok what is China? Where is China? What am I? Where am I? These are far more interesting questions.

Minds have actively, measurably been moved against China, when we all have a lot in common and a lot of delightful differences. Why live in hate? Why live in ignorance? Today so much opinion has been moved against China by a thousand opinion pieces a thousand words deeper. As the Buddha said,

Even if there be a thousand speeches—a mere collection of useless words—one useful word is better (than all that), having heard which one is pacified. (100)

The Chinese were able to imbibe the wisdom of the Buddha. Why wouldn't we learn something, anything, from China? That's my only exhortation here. Read a verse of the **Dao**, a page of a Li Kunwu comic, an email from **Dongsheng**, the thousand pages of **The Romance Of The Three Kingdoms** if you're bold. Come back to me unmoved and immovable. You can't. I couldn't. Their culture is just too rich. Their sufferings are all too human. And the people calling for hatred against them are just such transparently ignorant assholes.

You're supposed to hate China now, and they count on you being too lazy or busy to read anything further about it. And so your opinion becomes propaganda, weaponized ignorance deployed on other people in conversations and on social media. Don't be that person. If I may summarize this article, read a fucking book.

50. HOW JULIAN ASSANGE EXPOSES THE WHITE EMPIRE

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An Australian citizen was chased out of Sweden, and sought refuge in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London. He was spied on in there, eventually dragged out, and jailed in the UK. Now he's being extradited to the United States. His crime? Reporting on the war crimes of the United States, the heirs to White Empire. Assange's biggest expose of that empire's existence and malevolence was not his reporting. It is the ruin they have made of his life. His human sacrifice.

As his predecessor, the Vietnam War whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg said to an incredulous Politico:

Ellsberg contended America still runs a “covert empire” around the world, embodied in the U.S. domination of NATO. He believes Washington deliberately provoked Vladimir Putin into invading Ukraine by pushing its seat of power eastward toward Russia's borders; that the mainstream media is “complicit” in allowing the government to keep secrets it has no right to withhold; and that any notion Americans are ever the “good guys” abroad “has always been false.”

Why does Politico (sponsored by Lockheed Martin) put “covert empire” in scare quotes? What do they think the CIA is doing? Why does America have 750 military bases? Why are they always at war in multiple countries? How do they assassinate people wherever they want? Why are they sanctioning (besieging) much of the world? How is an Australian citizen being hounded from Sweden to Ecuador to the UK for crimes against the American state? We’re supposed to believe these are all coincidences and not what they obviously are — a violent empire with tentacles across the whole world. As George Orwell said in 1984,

The Party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command. His heart sank as he thought of the enormous power arrayed against him, the ease with which any Party intellectual would overthrow him in debate, the subtle arguments which he would not be able to understand, much less answer. And yet he was in the right! They were wrong and he was right. The obvious, the silly, and the true had got to be defended. Truisms are true, hold on to that! The solid world exists, its laws do not change. Stones are hard, water is wet, objects unsupported fall towards the earth’s centre. With the feeling that he was speaking to O’Brien, and also that he was setting forth an important axiom, he wrote:

Freedom is the freedom to say that two plus two make four. If that is granted, all else follows.

American freedom is the freedom to say that 750 military bases equals *zero*. That there’s nothing there at all. It’s the freedom to say that all the invasions and coups equal *zero*. That each one is an isolated incident, no military coercion to see at all. And to say that sanctioning nearly half the world’s population is ‘targeted’, and not in fact siege warfare on a scale that would make a Khan blush in shame.

It is a magnificent work of propaganda that the burden of proof is on people calling this an empire, and not the other way around.

All the subtle arguments from 'party' intellectuals like Politico dance around these simple facts. 750=750+, the countries attacked are in the dozens, and the countries besieged are all over. For all the freedom these 'free media' frauds have to say exactly what they're supposed to, anyone that exposes the naked truth of Empire gets snatched off the street and tortured in solitary confinement. That's what Assange is the most prominent example of. He exposed the mass crimes of empire and became its most public victim.

The persecution of Assange has just blended into the background because it's been so constant. But think back on what he did. He released information of the US gunning down journalists, their own 'diplomats' words about overthrowing countries, and tangible evidence of their military crime. These real crimes are buried in all the bullshit about 'classified information' (another word for thought crime). As [Chris Hedges further details](#):

Julian, as I [noted](#) in a column filed from London last year, is targeted because of the Iraq War Logs, released in Oct. 2010, which document numerous U.S. war crimes, [including](#) images seen in the *Collateral Murder* video, of the gunning down of two Reuters journalists and 10 other civilians and severely injuring two children.

He is targeted because he made public the killing of nearly 700 civilians who had approached too closely to U.S. convoys and checkpoints, [including pregnant women](#), the blind and deaf, and [at least](#) 30 children

He is targeted because he [exposed](#) more than 15,000 unreported deaths of Iraqi civilians and the [torture and abuse](#) of some 800 men and boys, aged between 14 to 89, at Guantánamo Bay detention camp.

He is targeted because he showed us that Hillary Clinton in 2009 ordered U.S. diplomats to spy on U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and other U.N. representatives from China, France, Russia, and the U.K., spying that included obtaining DNA, iris scans, fingerprints, and personal passwords, all part of the long pattern of illegal surveillance that included eavesdropping on U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan in the weeks before the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

He is targeted because he exposed that Obama, Hillary Clinton and the CIA backed the June 2009 military coup in Honduras that overthrew the democratically-elected president Manuel Zelaya, replacing him with a murderous and corrupt military regime.

He is targeted because he released documents that revealed the United States secretly launched missile, bomb and drone attacks on Yemen, killing scores of civilians.

He is targeted because he made public the off-the-record talks Hillary Clinton gave to Goldman Sachs, talks for which she was paid \$657,000, a sum so large it can only be considered a bribe, as well as her private assurances to Wall Street that she would do their bidding while promising the public financial regulation and reform.

For revealing these truths alone he is guilty.

Read these horrors and tell me that the crime is exposing them. And yet that's what America is charging Assange with, and the rest of the empire just offers him up. Australia makes nary a peep about their own citizen, the UK perverts its justice process completely, and even Ecuador caves after some token independence. This shows the real contours of the White Empire, and how all the borders and flags and supposed independence are lies.

The persecution of Assange also exposes the bald lie of ‘free speech’ the Empire prides itself on. Its citizens mindlessly repeat that ‘at least we have free speech’, unlike the other guys who our empire is coincidentally attacking and trying to dehumanize. What Americans call freedom of speech is simply a vigorous debate about who and how to crucify. The American population is, sadly, a bunch of people in a Cable-TV Colosseum, debating whether they should be seeing Russians or migrants killed next time. Liberals are honestly the worst here. Conservatives like the cruelty, but liberals actually think they’re the ‘good guys’.

Anyone who pulls back the curtain on the two-ring circus is persecuted mercilessly — from Julian Assange, to Edward Snowden, to Reality Winner, to all the Black Panthers and Ferguson protestors jailed or murdered, and of course any foreigners who resist American meddling in their countries (but they don’t count at all). What America really has Freedom Of Speech™, a marketing tagline on something sugary and without nutrition, which actually kills them slowly. What America has is a Rules-Based-Order™ which is really just rule by the latest incarnation of globe-scramming White Empire. What are these rules? No one can tell you, it’s whatever the Empire decides, and you get beaten if you don’t comply. Assange tried to expose these lies with words but now he is tragically showing it with his own body, as a human sacrifice that’s slowly happening in front of our eyes.

I write a lot about the facts of the White Empire, but that is fundamentally math, which is boring. Assange exposed facts as well, but his most powerful expose seems (sadly) to be the sacrifice of his frail and very human life. He was a journalist making news, but now the Empire has made it very personal, by chasing him across their false flags and dragging him back to a country he’s not a citizen of, because he is nonetheless a *subject* of this overt Empire. Most of the world lives, one way or another, under the White Empire, and he is being made an example of to keep us all in line.

Just look at what they're doing to this man and weep. How is an Australian being persecuted for espionage against the United States? It shows that the very idea of Australia is bullshit, as Caitlin Johnstone says, that 'country' is just an aircraft carrier with kangaroos. The UK became occupied and taken over after World War II, and you can visibly see America twisting its legal system to whatever it wants. As Hedges writes:

The hearings, some of which I attended in London and others of which I sat through online, mocked basic legal protocols. They included the decision to ignore the CIA's surveillance and recording of meetings between Julian and his attorneys during his time as a political refugee in the embassy, eviscerating attorney-client-privilege. This alone should have seen the case thrown out of court. They included validating the decision to charge Julian, although he is not a U.S. citizen, under the Espionage Act. They included Kafkaesque contortions to convince the courts that Julian is not a journalist. They ignored Article 4 of the U.K.-U.S. extradition treaty that prohibits extradition for political offenses. I watched as the prosecutor James Lewis, representing the U.S., gave legal directives to Judge Baraitser, who promptly adopted them as her legal decision.

Even distant Ecuador comes within the Empire. They briefly showed some balls by naturalizing him, but under pressure (and with an IMF loan in the offing) they let the London police drag him out in broad daylight. They gave up a political refugee to the evil country hounding him. We can talk about all these issues in abstraction — how these systems oppress millions — but in Assange's case we can see it all personified in one man. We can see that none of these countries and rights are real, they're all fictions indulged as long as they don't bother the 'covert' White Empire that actually runs the place. That's what Assange showed through his leaks and now through his life. That is the ultimate price he pays to teach us a lesson we mostly

ignore. But give it a while. Martyrs are usually scorned in the moment, and so it is this time.

Julian Assange is being persecuted for his journalism, but in the end his lived persecution is his most powerful exposé he could make. Him being dragged from state to state, embassy to embassy, shows how all these ‘independent’ nations are merely vassals of a globe-spanning White Empire, the inheritor of the colonial mantle of Europe, now headquartered in the genocidal colony of America. When the chips are down, most of the countries in the world won’t do shit for you. They don’t exist. It’s all one malevolent White Empire, and most of us are in it with him, or we’re with the ‘enemy’ and constantly under attack. As Daniel Ellsberg said in some of his last words:

I think very few Americans are aware of what our actual influence in the former colonial world has been, and that is to keep it colonial,” Ellsberg says. “King Charles III [of Britain] is no longer an emperor, as I understand it, but for all practical purposes Joe Biden is ... Here’s a point I haven’t made to anyone but would like to in my last days here. Very simply, how many Americans would know any one of the following cases, let alone three or four of them?” Ellsberg then rattles off a series of U.S. orchestrated coups, most of them fairly well documented, starting with Iran in 1953, and then in Guatemala, Indonesia, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Brazil and Chile.

Of course, you can rattle off this destruction of millions of lives and they’re just statistics, but the destruction of Julian Assange’s is an obvious *tragedy*. After the mass crimes he exposed, this is his most personal exposé. The human sacrifice of his life. May the gods end it, but if they must accept it, let it mean something. Let us learn something. Let us name the wretched empire that rules us, let us see the obvious truth they call ‘covert’, and break out both Julian Assange and our own minds.

PART VIII

UKRAINE

51.HOW WAR IS PEAK CAPITALISM

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Das Boot (1981) somehow has you rooting for Nazis because there's no ideology underwater. It's all about the titular boat, a submerged piece of capital machinery that workers are forced to kill or be killed inside. The men are just men, trapped inside a machine. *Das Boot* is really a capitalist horror story.

As a brief summary, *Das Boot* is about the crew of a German U-Boat in World War II, deployed out of France to harry British shipping. They're trying to sink other boats, and other boats are trying to sink them. Their greatest enemy is probably the high command, which sends them into impossible situations. This is the nature of industrial warfare (perhaps warfare in general), where men are just part of a machine.

Industrial warfare is an exercise in peak capitalism. It marshals all the resources of nations to destroy those resources over and over, until someone achieves a monopoly on violence. It's machinery *actively* killing workers, not just incidentally. It's capital *immediately* destroying the world, not a few decades later. You can see this across modern warfare, but nowhere more horrifically than inside a submarine (technically a submersible, but bear with me). The poor crew of *Das Boot* are truly in the belly of the beast.

What Is Capital?

You can define capital very broadly as ‘things that make things’. Those ‘things’ can be other capital machinery, goods to be used, or services. Capital manipulates the environment in some way, and it reproduces itself in some form. It might feel weird, but the simplest way to understand capital is as an artificial species, tromping round the environment as much as you or me. This actually isn’t a novel interpretation, as Marx’s contemporaries described *Das Kapital* in as a sort of mechanical ‘origin of species’. As Sigmund Mayer wrote in 1871:

In short, economic life offers us a phenomenon analogous to the history of evolution in other branches of biology... The old economists misunderstood the nature of economic laws when they likened them to the laws of physics and chemistry. **A more thorough analysis of the phenomena shows that social organisms differ among themselves as fundamentally as plants or animals...**

The scientific value of such an inquiry lies in the illumination of the special laws that regulate the **origin, existence, development and death of a given social organism** and its replacement by another, higher one. And in fact this is the value of Marx’s book.

The social organism they’re talking about here is the ‘whole thing’, ie capital in general. *Das Kapital*. But as a species (genus, really), capital contains many subspecies (corporations, factories, tanks, submarines) with frankly arbitrary borders in between. Like natural life, honestly. To understand this, it’s better to not get too complicated and just go back to your childhood.

When I was young, I used to think my parent’s van (Mr. Nissan) was alive. I was disabused of this idea as an adult, but now that I’ve

thought about it, I think I was right the first time. Children are *right* to think cars, planes, and boats are living beings. They move, breathe, consume energy, and can act and even kill. They certainly have personalities.

What's obvious to a child is denied by the prejudice of adults, but adults often deny consciousness to animals and even to children. The 'rationality' of adults is really about making *us* cogs in a machine, not perceiving things as they are. If you look at it with a child's eyes, you can see the origin of species from genus Capital. Just draw eyes on any machine.

I used to think Mr. Nissan was alive largely because he had *eyes* (headlights), and even in *Das Boot* they draw eyes on the U-Boat to personify it. The sub is depicted as a smiling icon of a swordfish, with humanoid features. It's imagined as living. Just as a child imagines. I argue that the child and the cartoonist both see correctly. The truth hides in plain sight, if you're simple enough to take things literally.

But what sort of life is this? Where did it come from? Submarines don't mate and Mr. Nissan didn't meet Mrs. Nissan to produce baby Nissans. When we talk about capitalist reproduction, what are we talking about? How can something reproduce *through* another species? Isn't that disqualifying? Well, then I guess humans are not much of a species either.

When you were born, a significant amount of viral DNA helps spin up the placenta, an honestly alien life form that keeps mothers from rejecting their own babies. And then the placenta is delivered along with the baby. *It's not quite human*, and yet it's necessary for human reproduction. There's nothing new under the sun, and requiring help from another species to reproduce is not novel.

You could also say that *Das Boot* is not alive because it requires human beings for its basic bodily functions. But again, that disqualifies us as well. We require microbes to digest our food and even regulate our mood. We can't even control our bowels and we act like we're masters of the universe, lol. We're a cosmic joke.

Biologically speaking, the human body is just a 'ship' built by oceanic microbes to travel on land. We maintain a controlled environment for semen just the sub does for seamen. We're not so different, *it* and I. There's also nothing new where the sun don't shine.

Seamen understand this unconsciously because they refer to ships by human pronouns. A ship is 'her' or 'she'. Sailors have a motherly relationship because the ship gives life to the man much more than the man gives life to the machine. Though they are symbiotic.

I could go on, but for the purposes of this essay, just look at *Das Boot* as a child would, or as a sailor clinging to her for dear life. See 'the boat' as a living being, part of a species of social organisms called *Das Kapital*. Proffered pronouns, she/her.

War Capitalism

As I said, industrial warfare is peak capitalism. Regular capitalism will kill workers and the planet slowly, but wartime capitalism does it *actively* and *immediately* (while someone makes obscene profits, naturally). If regular capitalism is a planetary cancer (infinite growth), wartime capitalism is a hideous outbreak that starts killing its hosts in droves.

Marx said, "*The wealth of societies in which the capitalist mode of production prevails appears as an immense collection of commodities.*" In the same way, the *ruin* of capitalist societies also appears as an immense collection of commodities, mainly expensive hunks of metal to hurl at each other from even more expensive machines. Live by capitalist production, die by capitalist production seems to be the axiom.

Only in wartime capitalism (and modern America) do you have machines regularly killing people and 75% of the people operating the damn machines. But this is the exact situation in *Das Boot*.

The extreme environment of the ocean draws the contradictions of capitalism into stark relief. Whereas the worker will slowly die if cast out of work, they will die rapidly if cast out of a submarine. Whereas

work drains the days out of a person by halves, the submarine takes both nights and days. The conditions inside a *good* U-Boat are like that of the *worst* industrial housing. As a Dr. Embelton described Newcastle in 1865:

“The rooms, in which labourers in many cases live, are situated in confined and unwholesome yards or courts, and for space, light, air, and cleanliness, are models of insufficiency and insalubrity, and a disgrace to any civilized community; in them, men, women, and children lie at night huddled together; and as regards the men, the night-shift succeed the day-shift, and the day-shift the night-shift, in unbroken series for some time together, the beds having scarcely time to cool; the whole house badly supplied with water and worse with privies; dirty, unventilated, and pestiferous” (Dr Embleton, of the Newcastle Fever Hospital, 1865, via Marx)

This describes life inside a U-Boat, except the U-Boat is worse. In *Das Boot*, the men rotate bunks, share one toilet, and simply do not bathe for the entire tour. The place would reek of diesel and body odor and damp and death and fear. The Newcastle conditions are better because at least women and children existed, inside the submarine they're just a memory, or a photograph if you were lucky. Life *inside* a living war machine is the death of the human spirit.

All of the bodily — nevermind the spiritual — functions of man are subjugated to the needs of the machine. *Das Boot* shows this by cutting from the back of the boat — where a few men feed the engines — to the front — where many men feed.

The men are expendable but the machine is indispensable. This is the general logic of capitalism, but under the sea it is an iron law. While a wage slave can maybe go to the next job, where can a submariner go? Any competing firms are literally trying to kill him and it's that or the deep blue sea.

The Business Of War

As capital assets, what do these machines make? Well, they make war. They practice the most 'perfect' form of competition possible. The success of a U-Boat is measured in how much tonnage of enemy shipping it sinks, along with whatever crew have the bad luck to be caught up in that metabolic process.

Marx said, "*The instrument of labour strikes down the worker,*" and war capitalism takes this quite literally. Workers man instruments that kill other workers even if they don't particularly want to. They just have to, in order to survive. The inexorable logic of capitalism, drawn to its brutal conclusion. Murder the competition or die trying.

The reason you can root for the Nazis in *Das Boot* is that — with the exception of one eager schmuck — they're not really Nazis. There's no ideology in a gunboat, just survival. These kids are just Germans and they are, as the saying goes, just following orders. As their fellow German Karl said, "*Their own movement within society has for them the form of a movement made by things, and these things, far from being under their control, in fact control them.*"

These men are not in control any more than any nut or bolt in the submarine. They're just extensions of a wrench, trying to hold the whole thing together. They're really part of a cyborg machine, with no control over its direction. Even the captain can't control where the war machine goes. Maybe Hitler is up there doing something, but that's reductive. Even he's a part of social relations between people, just as Marx described capital emerging. As he wrote:

The mysterious character of the commodity-form consists therefore simply in the fact that the commodity reflects the social characteristics of men's own labour as objective characteristics of the products of labour themselves, as the socio-natural properties of these things. Hence it also reflects the social relation

of the producers to the sum total of labour as a social relation between objects.

The workers trying to sink each other's boats in the Atlantic reflect the social relation of the *producers* of those objects, namely that those producers are at war with each other. War production is still production and — as generally destructive as it is — it's still profitable for someone.

In *Das Boot* you can see the profitable side of war when the officers are invited to another boat (in Spain) for resupply. They are treated to a veritable smorgasbord of food after eating stale bread and living in each other's farts for weeks now. This is the producer's end of war.

These men in nice jackets selling torpedoes and bananas are what Marx called 'capital personified'. As he wrote:

As a capitalist, he is only capital personified. His soul is the soul of capital. But capital has one sole driving force, the drive to valorize itself, to create surplus-value, to make its constant part, the means of production, absorb the greatest possible amount of surplus labour. Capital is dead labour which, vampire-like, lives only by sucking living labour, and lives the more, the more labour it sucks.

The suppliers of capital equipment look healthy and hale compared to the bearded, haggard, and grey officers of *Das Boot*, who ultimately just laborers with stripes. Inasmuch as the officers are part of the capitalist transaction, they can see what the life of a vampire is like, but then they have to go back to their very mortal lives and bleed.

While you could (and did) have communist war machines, practically there will always be some class closer to the production of death and another class which is the end consumer. We think of wars as battles

between ideologies, but modern war has only one ideology, which is mass industrialization.

In Marx's view, industrialization was just a natural process that was happening and you had to go through a period of capital formation before communism. Communism is a *stage* of evolution, you can't just skip ahead. As Karl said, "*Even when a society has begun to track down the natural laws of its movement — and it is the ultimate aim of this work to reveal the economic law of motion of modern society — it can neither leap over the natural phases of its development nor remove them by decree. But it can shorten and lessen the birth-pangs.*" As Gramsci sorta said, "*the old world is dying and the new world struggles to be born. Now is the time of monsters.*"

Wars End

War is ultimately a struggle over resources and industrial wars are fought with *productive* resources, ie capital. The side that can make the most war machines and lubricate them with the most blood of labor has the best shot of winning. It's an explosive evolution with wild competition until the ecosystem stabilizes. That's the world we live in today, full of artificial predators. They have much the same form as at the end of World War II, though we may be seeing another explosive evolution right now.

If some future or alien observer were to look at the fossil record of industrial wars, I doubt they'd know or even care about the ideology. What they'd see would be the skeletons of machines, the soft humans inside them long ago devoured and forgotten. Hence, it's not about Nazis or Allies, or even Communists or Capitalists. It's about Capital, the metallic, increasingly silicon-based lifeform which we are all stuck in the belly of, like so much insignificant bacteria. That's the feeling you get in *Das Boot*. How helpless and hopeless the humans are in the face of industrial war. The war is really not about them. The lead actor of *Das Boot* is the boat and the humans are just props.

52. WESTERNERS NEED TO SHUT UP ABOUT UKRAINE

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If Westerners start talking about ‘liberating’ your country and start waving your flag, fucking run. You’re probably already running. The result of decades of the West leading Ukraine down the ‘primrose path’ to war has been the wholesale destruction and dismemberment of the country. And naive westerners are still gunning for more. Flooding a warzone with more weapons, more propaganda, more conflict, all under the guise of ‘helping’. Like they helped Afghanistan, like they helped Iraq, like they helped Vietnam, in truth like the wrecked countless nations for countless years. If a Westerner tries to help you, fucking run. Their arms dealers help themselves and leave your country in ruins.

The western privatized propaganda machine works not so much by removing information as ‘flooding the zone with shit’. Some latest ruler is propped up as evil incarnate and a generation of people raised on Transformers and Avengers rallies around the latest arms sale / resource theft. Like it’s all a TV show. Because to them it is. So today Putin is the latest evil, following Saddam, following Ho Chi Minh, following whoever it is marketed as the latest object of foaming hate. Nevermind looking at your own governments, your own problems, the rapacious elites raping *you*. Look far overseas, at

places you couldn't find on a map. Blame *them*. Bomb them. That'll make everything better.

Well-meaning people ask '*well, what should we do?*' The fact is that Russia is doing the destruction, shouldn't they be opposed? These well-meaning people miss the point. We're well past good intentions. After decades of 'well-meaning' western interventions, after millions killed and tens of millions displaced, can't you see? Every intervention makes things immeasurably worse. You fuckers have no standing to comment on 'foreign affairs' anymore. The liberal western population is like Lennie Small in *Of Mice And Men*, a nice but slow fellow who just wanted to pet pretty things and kept killing them. After the carnage of years, y'all can't be taken at your good intentions anymore. The western body politic is easily propagandized, self-aggrandizing, and powerless except as suckers for the military industrial complex. Y'all need to be taken out back and shot.

The fact is that setting up Ukraine as a bulwark in great power conflict was always bad, that NATO has *no* standing to complain about invading other countries, and continuing to funnel arms into a corrupt government waging a fucking land war with Russia is just the wholesale destruction of a nation on the altar of your insipid 'good intentions'. People ask what they should otherwise 'do' about Ukraine and the answer is *nothing*. In all aspects, the world would be better off if the West just fucked off. Every problem they claim to fix just leaves everyone worse off, except the war-profiteer class that actually runs the place, from think tanks to actual tank manufacturers to the media that gets the endless advertising revenue from endless war.

Casual bloggers and commenters cheering on the latest *Wunderwaffe* that's going to win the war are just doing freelance advertising for the military-industrial complex, without even the affiliate revenue. Saying you stand with Ukraine is false, you stand over her grave. The country Ukraine is already split like Vietnam and Korea were, it's people have fled, its women are being advertised on 'dating' sites in Europe, the menfolk are often unable to leave, reliably motivated

Nazis are moving up in the military, and god knows how much military *materiel* is being funneled out the back door. Ukraine was corrupt as hell before the war and that's only gotten worse. Now the figurehead leader has banned opposition parties, trade unions, and is being heralded as a defender of democracy by unelected Prime Ministers in the UK and Hollywood actors. It's a killing farce.

Everybody talking about how Russia is secretly losing and the tide is turning miss the point that the West and NATO have lost every war for decades. There is in fact more money in *losing* wars because you can sell more arms. Arms contractors made *trillions* in Afghanistan, the US government stole that country's foreign reserves and they just moved onto rampaging Ukraine. That's all that happened. You can see it clearly in the stock market with western fossil fuel and arms sales booming. All you see in the media is actually *advertising* for those businesses. That's all the western news is. It's privatized propaganda for the benefit of the oligarchs that actually run the place.

None of this is for the benefit of Ukraine. If you've ever lived through war you'd know that the only good outcome is for it to *end*. Funneling more and more arms into a war of attrition is a fun strategy unless it's your land and bodies that are being attrited. Then it's just death on the altar of good, white intentions, a dismal and pointless death if there ever was one. What should Ukraine do? I don't know, and people like me in Sri Lanka spend little time thinking about this and zero time interfering. Any intervention we would make in this conflict we don't understand would make things worse. What people in America and it's imperial colonies of Germany and the UK don't understand is that they're not just the same as us, they're *worse*.

Western intervention has a bloody track record of making everything worse for nearly a century now, and every time we're told that this time is different. This time there's a clear evil and the murder machine is finally murdering the right people this time. And even 'liberal' people get all hot about the the latest jets and rocket launchers, like a bunch of kids watching the toy adverts on Saturday morning cartoons. Like a bunch of children, except playing with real

blood and bones. And Raytheon and Lockheed Martin make even more money the Paw Patrol. All they have to do is throw the well-minded idiots in the western population a bone.

Y'all really think you're the goodies. Despite all the evidence of so many wars gone wrong, you think this one is a good one. You're wrong. On Ukraine, on all the pain your governments cause, you need to stop cheering them on. The West has made a mess of the last century. Y'all need to shut the fuck up and sit the rest of this century out.

53. THE US IS NOT HELPING UKRAINE OR TAIWAN

MARCH 2023

As US President Ronald Reagan said, “*The top 9 most terrifying words in the English language are: I’m from the [US] government, and I’m here to help.*” As US Secretary of State (effectively Secretary of War) Henry Kissinger said, “*it may be dangerous to be America’s enemy, but to be America’s friend is fatal.*” What these arch war-criminals are saying through bloody teeth is the truth. America has no interests but self-interest and it is only through relentless Hollywood/CNN propaganda that they are able to erase their own bloody history and keep waging war on other people's soil. While saying it's for their own benefit. Does it ever work? Does it ever fucking work?

The United States rode the coattails of *massive* Soviet sacrifice on their own soil to pretend like they won World War II singlehandedly. They then *dropped multiple nuclear bombs on civilian populations* in Japan to secure that front for themselves. Since then they have occupied Japan, Germany, and spread to over 800 military bases all over the world, all the while pretending that they’re the good guys. But Hitler and Hirohita are dead. Who are they fighting against? They have killed millions of civilians since World War II, over a million in their terror wars alone. The United States is constantly *starting* wars, proxy or other, by pretending that places like Iraq or Russia or China are being aggressive by placing their countries near US military

bases. And this is accepted by a vast propaganda machine that still acts like everything is World War II, everyone else is Hitler, and that the US has the *right and duty* to constantly be at war. This goes unquestioned. But after so many failed wars and so much blood, we should really question it.

As Chris Hedges writes about proxy wars:

There are many ways for a state to project power and weaken adversaries, but proxy wars are one of the most cynical. Proxy wars devour the countries they purport to defend. They entice nations or insurgents to fight for geopolitical goals that are ultimately not in their interest. The war in Ukraine has little to do with Ukrainian freedom and a lot to do with degrading the Russian military and weakening Vladimir Putin's grip on power. And when Ukraine looks headed for defeat, or the war reaches a stalemate, Ukraine will be sacrificed like many other states, in what one of the founding members of the CIA, Miles Copeland Jr., referred to as the "Game of Nations" and "the amorality of power politics."

Is the United States a friend to Ukraine or Taiwan? Given America's history, is this not traditionally fatal? Look at the people America has been friends to. America friended the people of South-East Asia by dropping 7.5 million tons of bombs on them, nearly double the amount dropped on Germany and Japan. With friends like these... America friended Korea by dividing it in half and installing and supporting a wildly corrupt military dictatorship that the South Korean people had to overthrow multiple times. America liberated Iraqis from their lives, Libyans from prosperity, and Syria from their oil and ability to get aid during an earthquake. Do you really think, given their track record, that you can believe America's intentions in Ukraine and Taiwan? As US President George W. Bush said, "*There's an old saying in Tennessee — I know it's in Texas, probably in Tennessee*

— that says, *fool me once, shame on — shame on you. Fool me — you can't get fooled again.*”

The fact that this idiot was able to drag the world into completely unprovoked war in Iraq just shows that you can in fact fool people multiple times. And it's still ongoing. The US actually provoked Russia by installing NATO on its border (similar to Russian missiles in, say, Cuba) and now is prodding China by rejecting the one-China policy over Taiwan *which is still official US policy*. People debated what would be better for Iraq during that war just as they're saying destructive war would actually be better for the people of Ukraine, Taiwan, and also Russia and China themselves. **But what problem has America ever made better?** Name one country that they have actually improved since World War II? It's just been an unremitting blood bath and they want to hose us down some more.

Even America's overt allies—the people it somewhat did improve after World War II—have been fucked over by the Yankees in the end. The United States just blew up Germany's own NordStream pipeline, an act of war in any regard, except Germany is actually an occupied colony and didn't make a peep. When Japan's economy started rising in the 80s America actively suppressed it. The truth is that America doesn't have friends, it has interests, and its primary interest is wealth and money, or in ancient parlance, just looting. America has perfected the art of looting its own public purse over the bodies of dead people elsewhere.

The great innovation of the White Empire under the Americans has been figuring out that there's more money in *losing* wars than winning them. If you win a war you have to actually administer the place and Marshall Plan it. But if you lose and drag it out, you can make a killing dropping expensive bombs on poor people. This has led to America becoming the world's leading arms dealer while losing every single war. They have perfected the art of pyrrhic victory on *other people's soil* while dragging unceasing loot back to the tony suburbs of Maryland. The loot, amazingly, is largely stolen from their own people. And these relentlessly propagandized people (*you're free!*

those people aren't! let's bomb them into freedom!), these most propagandized people in the world still cheer it on.

In addition to privatized arms dealing, America has also perfected the art of privatized propaganda. CNN literally made its bones on the Iraq War and the oligarch-owned media makes money chasing Chinese balloons or inflating random places Americans haven't heard of into mortal enemies overnight. It's good programming, it sells advertising, it provides them access, and it makes the shareholders (who also hold arms and connected technology stocks) happy. I mean, not happy, these rich people live in sin and are miserable, but it makes them *rich* which is what they want. What's sad is that ordinary Americans help these wealthy warmongers for free, getting worked up about Iran, Russia, China or whoever the five-minute-hate is, though it is of no benefit (and in fact detriment) to them at all.

This grinding war *business* is what drives America and once you understand the business model (lose wars very expensively somewhere else), you understand that Ukraine and Taiwan are well and truly fucked. All the fawning coverage they get now as bastions of democracy is like the reception given to a virgin right before they're human sacrificed. They get all the garlands, all the wreaths, right before they're tossed in the volcano of war. Everybody just parades up the steps—Taiwan after Ukraine after Yemen after Syria after Libya after Iraq after Afghanistan after Vietnam after Korea—thinking that this time it's different, this time it's a just war. But it's just war. It's just business. It's just filthy lucre.

The US war machine is not going to do good this time. Have we not indulged these fantasies long enough, over millions of dead, tens of millions displaced, and unspeakable destruction and horror? As Joseph Welch told US Senator Joe McCarthy, "*Until this moment, Senator, I think I never really gauged your cruelty or your recklessness.*" When McCarthy tried to continue his attack, Welch angrily interrupted, "*Let us not assassinate this lad further, senator. You have done enough. Have you no sense of decency?*"

Cheering for war in Ukraine and now Taiwan is not standing up for democracy over authoritarianism. This is meaningless coming from the White Empire that has ruled and terrorized the world for a century from America and centuries from Europe. These are just words, like their corruption of the prophet Jesus Christ to justify their trepidations and violations before.

The best thing the United States can do for peace in the world is to *stop waging wars*. And you are not helping them by cheering the latest, greatest war on, while pretending you're a friend to Ukrainian or Taiwanese people. I've lived through decades of war in my own country and the best thing wars can do is never start, and the second best thing is stopping. Fuckers from abroad cheering on war in your country is just a sport for them while it's real death for the people that live there. America has made a bloodsport of the map, a Colosseum of cable news, and we're now nearly 100 years into reruns of the same fucking program, this time in a grand finale of land war in Asia that may already be World War III. Historically these names are given after the fact, at the time we don't know.

But I do know this. America is not starting these wars to help anybody else. They're helping themselves to blood money as they always do. Why should you promote these wars for free? The best thing America can do for the world is to stop warring over it. And all of you idiots with the flags of the latest human sacrifice in your bios, at long last, have you no decency? America has gone from flags on graves in World War II to flags on bios in World War III. It's a farce. I understand if you can't stop your war machine, but for fucks sake, stop cheering it on. Whatever war America's involved in, you can guarantee that it's a bad one. The US is not helping Ukraine or Taiwan any more than they helped Vietnam, Afghanistan, or Iraq. After so many skulls buried in the ground, can't you get this through your skull?

54. HOW AMERICA IS PROFITING FROM THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPE (AGAIN)

DECEMBER 2022

As Henry Kissinger said, *“It may be dangerous to be America’s enemy, but to be America’s friend is fatal.”* Ask Afghanistan, or South Vietnam, or South Korea for decades (and divided and traumatized still). Now you can ask Europe as well. Using the proxy war they provoked in Ukraine (start pushing Russian military into Mexico and see how the US reacts), the US is completely stripping Ukraine and de-industrializing Europe itself. It’s World War II again. Europe gets destroyed between the US and Russia, while countries in the South get mysteriously coupéd and destabilized. As *Rocky Horror* sang, *“let’s do the time warp again.”*

I won’t even get into the idea that Russia vis-à-vis Putin is pure evil, that’s just the latest advertising from arms dealers and if you’re fooled by the latest evil after the wreckage in Syria, Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Vietnam, and all the other people you were told to hate, I’m afraid there’s no hope for you. Let’s just follow the money.

The United States—while its own people are suffering—is shoveling money into the fiery furnace into its military industrial complex. The logic is actually pretty simple and they keep repeating it. Create some conflict thousands of miles away, get the corporate media to advertise that its some inherent threat to White Empire, and profit. You don’t even need to win the war. There’s actually more money in losing.

Adjusted for inflation, FY2023 looks like it'll have the fourth-highest military budget since World War II. The only time military spending has been higher in real terms was the stretch between 2008–2011, when there were no fewer than 141,000 US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. (Stephen Semmler)

Like the \$2 trillion dollar scam in Afghanistan (the amount looted by corporate Bethesda warlords), this is all looting and pillaging disguised as aid.

All of this military 'aid' is really only aid to American arms dealers. It's just death and debt to Ukraine. Those hapless people are trapped in a hopeless land-war with Russia, losing hideous amounts of men, and power to their entire country, not to mention their Democracy™ (Zelensky is banning political parties and attacking trade unions). Ukraine is losing people to migration, they're advertising Ukrainian brides in the UK, and the country's entire infrastructure is being destroyed and the country divided. But the arms dealers don't care. It's a playground for them, and they've got an unlimited budget for their deadly toys. They even openly talk about it as a testing ground for weapons. Testing them on the body of Ukraine. With allies like this, who needs enemies.

At the same time, the pipeline connecting Russia to Europe has been mysteriously blown up. Who done it? *Cui bono?* Who benefits? Again, follow the money, not whatever smokescreen the western media (privatized propaganda, direct from oligarch owners) puts up. American arms dealers profit from the death of Ukraine and American fossil fuel (LNG) profit from the destruction of Europe. It's a win-win, unless you're in either of these places.

Sanctions on Russia were supposed to hinder its war-making effort (we're reducing the Ruble to rubble, Joe Biden crowed), but they don't (and can't as Seshadri Kumar deeply gets into). All they do is hurt Europe, while Russia just sells LNG to other countries, who resell it

to Europe at higher prices. Meanwhile American producers have a literal captive market in Europe. They're effectively in a hostage situation, and the hostage taker is their supposed ally, using the big-bad Putin to justify doing their worst. American foreign policy is broadly a Mafia protection racket. *Nice country, shame if something should happen to it.* They come in with their military bases to 'protect' you but all they're doing is protecting profits. Your country and your people get screwed.

As Gerald Haug, the President of the German National Academy of Sciences, said in October 2022 (via Seshadri Kumar again, [read him](#)).

"I'm very worried that if we don't act now, we'll lose entire industrial sectors — especially in the raw materials industry," warned the Leopoldina President. "That would mean a much higher dependency on Asia and especially China." For example, outsourcing the chemical industry completely from Germany and Europe would be a "fundamental mistake" — especially in view of the goal of climate neutrality by 2045.

While Angela's Merkel's milquetoast replacement as leader of Germany is [calling for negotiations](#), nobody listens to him. Germany is an occupied colony of America (has been since WWII), with no meaningful control over military or financial affairs. As long as America is profiting from the war in Ukraine, the profits will continue, regardless of whether Germany sheds industry or its people go cold. What does America care? German industrial giants will just move to America. It's win-lose. Again via Kumar:

To combat those exorbitant European gas prices, BASF has already cut ammonia production at Ludwigshafen and another Verbund site in Antwerp, Belgium, and is now relying more on ammonia production in Freeport, Texas, where gas is much cheaper. Its complexes in the U.S., Malaysia, and China may help the company weather this crisis to an extent, but Mayer noted that it's not just BASF that's in trouble. "Energy-intensive

businesses will partly or fully be closed down in Germany in particular,” he said, “but all across Europe there will be a capacity reduction.”

Nobody profits from a land-war with Russia, unless of course your land is thousand of miles away, you have no business there (both literally and figuratively) and you can just goose your economy over the destruction of Europe. This was the American development model after World War II and they're just repeating it. They're profiting from the destruction of Europe, again. History repeats, the first time as tragedy, the second as farce.

The other point is that Europe was relying on Russian natural gas in order to transition to renewables. Now that's in the shitter, they're scrounging around for fossil fuels from anywhere, and opening new coal planets. Is temporary control of land in Ukraine worth destroying the atmosphere forever. If it makes money, sure.

Note that in this article I haven't got into who's right or wrong in Ukraine and I'm not laboriously rebutting arguments about how evil Russia is. It's irrelevant. Don't follow the media, follow the money. As the dialogue in *The Departed* goes:

ELLERBY (BOSS COP)

Yeah, but cui bono? Who benefits?

COLIN SULLIVAN (COP):

Cui gives a shit? It's got a fuckin' bow on it.

I think you are a cop, my son.

THESE TWO COPS are part of a corrupt system enmeshed with the supposed criminals and all the arrests are really just for show. It's the same thing with the White Empire's war machine. America made its bones over the carcass of Europe in World War II and that's all they know. They have never drawn down since. They've been dropping

expensive bombs on poor brown people for decades and this is a wet dream for them, land war with Russia. What the fuck do they care about the history of how that goes? It's not their land. They make even more money by losing, which is how it's going. Certainly for Europe, and absolutely for Ukraine.

What else could they do? Fucking nothing. In all instances, *nothing* is the best America could do. America has no place in conflicts thousands of miles away, everywhere they go they make things worse. People get fooled by the details of the latest conflict, the latest villain, but that's all just advertising carried by their corporate media. Forget the dick pills and car insurance sold between the TV news, the news itself is marketing for arms dealers. They sell you some evil (once Saddam, now Putin), and some reason why your money needs to go for that, even while you can't get food on the table. And too many people, including far too many 'liberals' follow the latest moralizing bullshit, and march *other people* into war. Quite sanctimoniously. The last war was always wrong and regrettable, but this war? This war is always good.

So again, forget the details of this particular devastation. Follow the money, and follow the history. The White Empire is at war again and while it's bad for Ukraine, bad for Europe, and catastrophic for the human climate, it's good for imperial profits. And that's all soul of White Empire is. Follow the money, strip away the moralizing marketing, and you'll get to the black hole at its core. Sucking in lives, sucking in resources, sucking in entire regions and atmospheres into its relentless military-industrial maw. And what's the usual response to this, do the simple question *cui bono*?

Cui gives a shit. To American arms dealers and fossil fuel dealers, it's got a fucking bow on it. That's all you need to know.

55.PLAYING RUSSIAN ROULETTE WITH SANCTIONS

MARCH 2022

Empire is a loose, baggy thing, held together by guns and gold. If an Empire loses wars and its money loses value, then it's well on its way to oblivion. In a series of historical self-owns, White Empire is doing this to itself.

Attacked by 'barbarians' on 9/11, White Empire lashed out violently across the globe, killing millions and displacing tens of millions. Far from being a show of force, however, it has turned into a bloody farce.

The truth is that this empire has *already* met its 'graveyard' in Afghanistan. White Empire's illusion of military power has *already* been destroyed. What's left now is just a military-industrial zombie, backed by a propaganda media force, also eating brains.

The truth is that, historically, speaking White Empire is already dead. What we're living with now is just a rotting zombie, still biting but fundamentally empty.

While this zombie can still devour poor people in Yemen, Syria, and Palestine, it cannot stand against a conventional force like Russia. While they've been merrily killing poor brown people without consequence, killing poor *white* people would cause World War III.

Hence NATO isn't doing shit in Ukraine, besides funneling in arms for Ukrainians to kill themselves. The military pillar of empire has *already* fallen, they cannot actually fight. They only have one leg left to stand on, their monetary might.

However, they have the same problem here.

Sanctions (the white word for sieges) have been used to cripple, starve, and kill millions of not-white people for decades, but they have a real problem deploying them against Russia. Russia's is too integrated into White Empire's traditional homeland of Europe.

Messing with Russia can actually hurt them, it can really crack their monetary hegemony. Then they won't have a fucking leg to stand on, will they?

Actually sanctioning Russia would do three things.

1. It would cut off Europe from energy, leading to cold white people
2. It could be interpreted as an act of war, leading to dead white people
3. It can trigger a lot of unpredictable effects, leading to poor white people

As you can see, this isn't like cutting Iran out of SWIFT, which just led to suffering brown people. This isn't like besieging Cuba and North Korea for generations, which just led to suffering commies. This hits White Empire where it hurts. It affects *white people*. What's a White Empire that can't protect *whiteness*?

In this case White Empire cannot level the *devastating* (but pointless) sanctions leveled against Yemen and Syria. They can't simply steal money like from Afghanistan. Russia is too integrated, they'd be hurting themselves. So instead, we get half-assed sanctions which try to carve out exemptions for European energy. We also get other countries simply going around them.

Half-assed sanctions poke and irritate the bear without fundamentally wounding it. This is not what you want to do with bears.

Like the self-destruction of their own military might, this self-destruction of their monetary might is ultimately *fatal* to empire. I'm not saying that Russia will be the fatal blow, Russia is a fundamentally poor country, already somewhat isolated. But Russia is not Iran. Russia is in Europe, separated only by the racist line that divides that peninsula from Asia.

This strikes at the heart of whiteness, which is how empires fall. Empires are hard but brittle. As Hemingway wrote, people go bankrupt two ways. Gradually, then suddenly.

Will Russia be the golden bullet in the chamber? I don't now. Anyone predicting the fall of empire now is a fool, but anyone predicting it *never* is a greater fool indeed. All I know is that Russian Roulette is a stupid fucking game to play. Yet it is this gun that empire is holding to its own head.

What's happening now, what Empire is *forcing* to happen, is the fracturing of the faith and credit of their currency. They're just robbing central banks and sanctioning bigger and bigger countries. Countries *have* to hedge their bets, and that's the end of hegemony.

Russia has been planning an alternative to SWIFT for years. India and China are setting up other channels. Even empire's current fuckboi Brazil is sitting this one out. The effects of sanctions can blow up fuel prices and trigger inflation, which terrifies capitalists more than WWII.

The dollar's strange fruit seemed endless — a money tree watered with blood — but now it's ending.

Bear in mind, the alternatives to dollar hegemony *all fucking suck*. The already poor Russian people will be thrown even deeper into poverty. Millions of people depending on Russian wheat and fertilizer will go hungry. People will die. Governments will fall. It'll be a fucking atrocity.

Leaving hegemony is not something anybody actually wants to do, but White Empire is *pushing* people out. Nobody is in a hurry to adapt to a life without Empire, but Empire itself is forcing the point. It's not just Russia, they've started a two-front Cold War with China as well.

These are not the usual pariah states that Empire has been beating and starving in the public square for decades. Do you like being warm? Do you eat bread? Do you buy things? This effects everybody.

An empire only has guns and gold to stand on, and they're fucking with the family jewels here.

Empire is a loose baggy thing, a bunch of man-children in a trench coat, held together by enough guns and gold to keep everyone believing in the fantasy. Well, no one believes in the guns of White Empire anymore, and suddenly the gold's not looking so shiny.

Monetary power is what let White Empire wage forever wars and keep bailing out their zombie economy. If it wanes they'll just be another — extremely fucked up — country. All the debts will come due, all the rot will show through, it'll be a well-deserved catastrophe.

Yet here we are.

White Empire has put the golden gun in their own mouth, finger on the trigger. They're literally playing Russian Roulette here. It's just a matter of time before White Empire blows its own zombie brains out, leaving just another shit-stain across the pages of history.

56. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO ABOUT UKRAINE? NOTHING MARCH 2022

Too many people inside the White Empire think they need to ‘do something’ about Ukraine. Or China. Or Somalia. After laying waste to a quarter of the world, they’re pointing to the rest of it, like, ‘*you need some help with that?*’ No, you fucking war criminals. Y’all killed millions of people in the past few decades alone. You need to sit the rest of this century out.

You don’t need to do anything about Ukraine. Your input isn’t needed on China. You imperial citizens would do the most good by just *not making things worse*.

You need to do what everybody else does when there’s a problem halfway across the world. *Nothing*. You blundering idiots just make everything worse.

Oh Baby Baby

What imperial citizens, especially Americans, need to understand is the basic principle of **do no harm**. Doctors take this Hippocratic oath so they don’t just cut people open because ‘*somebody had to do something!*’ Americans have taken an oath of hypocrisy instead.

Their wars of empire are always *interventions*, not invasions. Their military is always *defensive*, while the countries they surround are the offensive ones. They're not flooding warzones with weapons, that's just '*lethal aid*'. That's not torture, it's '*enhanced interrogation*'. The hypocrisy goes on and on.

People at the imperial core still cling to the fundamental delusion that their White Empire is ultimately good and just keeps making *mistakes*. That Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, etc were all just cases of '*oops, I did it again! I blew you apart, got lost in the game!*'

Well let me tell you. You're not that innocent.

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Americans and Europeans don't live with war. They just watch it on TV like Saturday morning cartoons. Like any cartoon, there's good guys and bad guys, and like most cartoons, it's all designed to sell toys. Stingers! Javelins! Drones! Only in this case the toys are real weapons, and they bury real children alive.

Like Saturday morning cartoons, that's all your Saturday evening shows are doing. Selling you really lethal toys, which your Senators and Congressmen happily buy. Like spoilt children, plenty of Americans *beg* for war, and your elected parents comply.

This is the media-military-industrial complex. This is the business of war, and business is good. It's a very simple business model, a brutally elegant loop.

First corrupt governments start **selling** a war, saying '*intelligence says this*' or '*unnamed State Department source*' says that. It's not that hard. If it bleeds it leads, and corporate media happily starts **advertising** war. Then all the toys come out. Weapons systems. Missiles. Bombs. Drones. Guns. The war industry **makes a killing**, and then some. They give the politicians and media a few payoffs, and wait for the next season.

It's like stealing candy from a baby. You imperial cretins, writing paternalistic Op-Eds about saving the world. You're really a bunch of adult-children, getting real children killed.

People within Empire really get distracted by the latest villain, like children watching the *same fucking plot* in every episode of Paw Patrol, over and over. This time it's Putin, last time it was Saddam, it's a bunch of morbid reruns, even reboots of old wars. The Empire never wins. It never fixes anything. Why would it? Then the show would stop.

While the Saturday morning cartoons keep the kiddies occupied, the Saturday evening news does the same for the adults. Instead of the latest cheap plastic toys, they get sold on dropping very expensive bombs.

Every empire wages war, kill people and loot shit, that's Imperialism 101. The great innovation of White Empire, has been killing random people and *looting their own treasury*. Now that's an art.

Grow Up

My advice to Americans and anyone living in the heart of whiteness is simply this. Grow up. Join the human race and stop racing into war after war. Everything your government tells you to call for has fuck-all to do with peace. They're in the business of war, and if you think it's something different this time, I'm sorry, but you're just an easy mark.

I know you're hearing a lot of stuff about Ukraine and how bad Putin is and a lot of that stuff might be true. But you need to come to a simple realization. **It's got fuck-all to do with you.** There's nothing you can do to make it better, and all your governments' 'interventions' just makes things worse. Y'all keep getting sold a race car, but I'm telling you, it's always a hearse.

Let me tell you the facts of life, in case you hadn't heard. Shit happens. It sucks. People get hurt. Being a grown-up is realizing that

no plucky crew of mutant puppies is going to save the day, and anyone saying so is just trying to make a buck.

Perhaps this would've been an abstract argument 20 years ago, but now we're all grown ups. We've all lived through *multiple* wars at this point. Fuck all your good intentions, we have plenty of bloody results. Name a single warzone that Empire has made better. Name a single war they've even won. At this point we should know better. If you're saying '*this time will be different!*' I won't mince words with you. Shut the fuck up. Y'all need to sit the rest of this century out.

As the Bible says:

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a [grown-up], I put away childish things.

Right now if you support the imperial war machine in anything, I'm sorry, but you're going straight to hell. You can't keep opening portals to hell all over the world and expecting not to end up there yourself.

But if you're in America, I don't even need to tell you this. Your government just sent billions of dollars to flood Ukraine with weapons while your own COVID funding runs out. Thousands of *Americans* are dying of neglect at home, every day. I don't need to tell you to go to hell. You're already there.

It's a unique imperial delusion that you need to 'do something' about every problem in the world, when you're really just getting played out by your own oligarchs. What do you, random blog reader, need to do about Ukraine, China, or any problem your media advertises? The same thing I, random blog writer in Sri Lanka, am doing. Fucking nothing. Grow up.

57. THE ENERGY TRAP

APRIL 2023

Fossil fuels are, by our definition, not renewable. While we won't technically run out for a long time, economically we will. The last veins simply won't be profitable to tap. This leaves us with a choice. Use our last fossil fuels to transition, or fight over them. Given that the ruling White Empire is historically greedy and genocidal, they are of course choosing violence. Welcome to the Energy Trap. It's already clanging shut.

Choosing Violence: The Thucydides Trap

Imperial scholars use the term '*Thucydides Trap*' to describe violent jealousy and make it look fancy. Like an ancient Greek tweet simply 'traps' them into attacking China. This is the tweet in question:

"The real cause, however, I consider to be the one which was formally most kept out of sight. The growth of the power of Athens, and the alarm which this inspired in Sparta, made war inevitable." ([via](#) The Landmark Thucydides)

This sentence is taken completely out of the voluminous context of Thucydides and dropped over the Taiwan Strait like it's some inevitability of history, but it's not. America could always just not threaten and attack people but as the war criminal Madeline Albright said, "*What's the point of having this superb military you're always talking about if we can't use it?*"

The fact is that Thucydides, like all ancient thinkers, is nuanced and this nuance is completely lost in its looting by modern imperial scholars like Graham Allison. The fact is that there is no Thucydides Trap, certainly not as some immutable product of history. It is not inevitable that the US has to encircle and threaten China, or whoever the enemy *du jour* is and Thucydides himself would be confused at the selective retweeting. As Alan Misenheimer writes, quoting more than one line of the Greek:

Hewing closely to what the historian of the Peloponnesian War actually says about the causes and inevitability of war, it argues that, while **Thucydides' text does not support Allison's normative assertion about the "inevitable" result of an encounter between "rising" and "ruling" powers**, the History of the Peloponnesian War (hereafter, History) does identify elements of leadership and political dynamic that bear directly on whether a clash of interests between two states is resolved through peaceful means or escalates to war. It is precisely because war typically begins with a considered decision by a national command authority to reject other options and mobilize for conflict (and thus always entails an element of choice) that insight from Thucydides' History remains relevant and beneficial for the contemporary strategist, or citizen, concerned in such decisions.

Thus America (the current capital of White Empire) is not *trapped* into attacking other people, it makes a political choice to do so. Ideas

like the *Thucydides Trap* and *They Have WMD* or *They're Going To Kill You* are just propaganda terms for different levels of education. They are not the actual, *physical* trap we're in, and which we cannot avoid. Americans are fighting over lines on a map while the atmosphere catches fire. That's the real problem.

Choosing Renewables: The Energy Trap

The United States military (inheritor of Empire from the conquered British) is the single largest polluter in the world, *nay*, in human history. It's an absolute climate monster and the last thing anyone should be funding right now, and yet its financing is only accelerating. It is as if we got invaded by aliens and America decided that was a good time to start a land war in Asia, against fellow humans. At a time calling for cooperation, they're choosing conflict, which is the real trap we're in.

Fossil fuels are not only killing us with their emissions, they're also running out. Fossil fuels are by definition non-renewable and the last bits are getting more and more expensive to extract. We should use the roughly 50% we have left to build renewable infrastructure rather than shoveling bombs into Ukraine and encircling China with military bases. Unfortunately, the White Empire is, as always, choosing violence. This leads us to a much worse trap than the mythical Thucydides. As the physicist Tom Murphy defines it,

energy trap refers to a phenomenon in which energy shortage motivates aggressive pursuit of alternative energy schemes, but that pursuit requires substantial energy investment forcing an even more acute but voluntary energy shortage, which is politically difficult.

As the he goes on:

Adding to the hardship is the fact that many of the alternative energy technologies — solar, wind, nuclear power, hydroelectric, and so on — require substantial up-front energy investment to build and deploy. If society waits until energy scarcity forces large-scale deployment of such alternatives, it risks falling into an “energy trap” in which aggressive use of energy needed to develop a new energy infrastructure leaves less available to society in general — a political non-starter. If there is to be a transition to a sustainable energy regime, it is best to begin it now.

This is the Energy Trap, the evolutionary pincer movement we find ourselves in. We need fossil fuel energy to produce *all renewable energy* right now, which is basically all we should be using it for. Instead, Empire is using it for partying and fighting as usual, making the problem (and the fighting) only more acute in the future. As Murphy continues:

Now it is perhaps more apparent why this is called an energy trap: short-term political and economic interests forestall a proactive major investment in new energy, and by the time energy shortages make the crisis apparent, the necessary energy is even harder to attain. Short-term focus is what makes it a trap.

Like Thucydides, this is not a historical inevitability but a psychological one. It's not inevitable that Empire should devote its last hours to fighting other humans but—knowing this centuries-old White Empire—that's all it knows how to do. And so all humanity ends up in an energy trap because the White Empire is going to funnel the last of its fossil fuels into *fighting* China rather than cooperating with them, the world's largest producer of renewables.

And so we meet our fate not on the road we took to avoid it, but on the road clearly marked with 'YOUR FATE HERE' and 'IT'S NOT GOOD'. Like Thucydides, this is not a trap *per se*, but *per psyche*. It is a polito-psychological quirk of White Empire that it would rather go down in a violent murder-suicide than give up a little power to coexist with other people. And so we end up in the tragic consequence of the Energy Trap. The Energy Wars, *especially* as there's less and less to fight over.

58. AMERICA CANNOT WIN A LAND WAR IN ASIA, BUT THEY'RE STILL TRYING

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In *The Princess Bride*, a man playing a deadly game said, “Ha-ha, you fool! You fell victim to one of the classic blunders, the most famous of which is ‘Never get involved in a land war in Asia.’” I thought this was received wisdom, but apparently not. Today America is involved in not one, not two, but three land wars in Asia. A real blunderbuss, blowing their own head off.

America is involved in Korea (still going on), Ukraine (ongoing), and Taiwan (getting going). One frozen war, one hot, one they're desperately trying to order. The United States is actively messing with three nuclear powers, two of them highly industrialized. America is encircling these countries with military bases, fomenting coups in and around them, imposing sanctions (white word for sieges), actively arming and training their enemies, and openly calling for them. While North Korea has been a supine punching bag for decades, Russia and China are in America's weight class. The bully empire has finally picked on someone their own size, and they're about to fuck around and find out.

Given that America has lost every war — for decades — to dudes in Toyota Hiluxes, they really shouldn't be fucking around with China and Russia, let alone both at once. China makes trucks, Russia has oil, and neither of their explosive devices are improvised. Picking a

fight with either would be real war, and America is really not ready for land war in Asia, let alone two.

For decades, America has been able to hide the weakness of their war machine by dropping expensive bombs on poor people. But real war with real peer opponents is an entirely different beast. As Patrick Armstrong writes, “*I can’t get two questions out of my mind: When was the last time the USA won a war? When was the last time US trained troops fought effectively?*” The answer to those questions is ‘never’ and ‘no’. The last war America decisively ‘won’ was World War II and that was with the USSR doing most of the work. The last time US trained troops fought effectively was never. America keeps covering up the actual ignominy of the last war with the potential glory of the next one, but if you look at the whole bloody record, it’s not good.

Like a broken record, however, the American war machine keeps going. Why wouldn’t it? They’re not destroying their country, and the money is all printed. The innovation of American Empire has been making money by *losing* wars, looting their own treasury and wrecking other countries and the Earth (their military is the single largest polluter). There is in fact *more* money in losing wars and dragging them out. For decades now America has been fighting wars without consequence, picking on poor people that can’t fight back.

This leads us today where, after a few boring decades torturing Muslims, they get to fight commies again. What fun. Now the chicken hawks are clucking about real war, which requires real mobilization (ie, a draft) and real industrialization. None of which America is remotely ready for. If they continue on this blunderous path, America will fuck around and find out.

Who Are They Fucking With?

America is not talking about bombing poor countries without functional air forces anymore. Russia is the largest country in the world, with tonnes of natural resources, and the state-owned industries to process them efficiently. China has the world’s largest population,

also has lots of natural resources, and is again much more efficiently industrialized. Both countries are able to marshal the most vital natural resource, which is young men to go kill themselves. Both have some form of conscription, and Russia has been mobilizing men for over a year now. America on the other hand, has a great propaganda arm, but cannot effectively produce weapons or muster the bodies to hold them. As mentioned, they have no draft and have outsourced production so much that the head of Raytheon has said they cannot decouple from... China. America is also not talking about defending itself from these countries, but *offensively* encircling them with military bases and weaponry. America today is the definition of a paper tiger and, foolishly, they are out looking for fire.

What Will They Find Out?

If this actually comes to war, what does that mean? Well, firstly, what does war mean? War is two things, mustering men and matériel and being willing to lose both in horrific numbers. So three things, none of which America has. America is quite simply writing checks their ass can't cash. Let's discuss, in some detail, the two line items, men and matériel.

Men

The prime natural resource required for war is young men, and in this aspect, America is completely at a loss. America ended the draft after their destabilizing loss in Vietnam and has never mobilized its general population again. For decades America has been attacking civilians elsewhere and calling it 'counter-insurgency'. This has all got them quite confused about the real nature of war.

Since Vietnam, America has an all-volunteer Army. It draws from its nation of debt slaves with the promise of education and health-care that should be their right anyways. Many people in the military still live off food stamps, because the huge budget mostly goes to private arms dealers, not privates. America talks about having a

strong military, but all of their spending is really a measure of corruption and waste. America actually doesn't actually have many men at arms, and no way to mobilize more without massive social instability.

Generations of American politicians, journalists, and think tankers have grown up quite comfortably *starting* wars, with no fear of ever fighting in them. Nor do they have to sacrifice their own children. These chicken hawks only fail upwards, because no one is ever held accountable. The same people that started the last disastrous war are still in power. Henry Kissinger still hasn't checked into hell and and George W. Bush is somehow rehabilitated. And then there's all the columnists and failed generals and bloodthirsty bureaucrats that have only failed upwards. Indeed, the only people that get purged in the American establishment are those that are anti-war. These think-tank commanders just keep thinking of bigger and bigger ways to fuck up, and why wouldn't they? The money's good and someone else pays for it.

America has been able to fight 'wars' without many men because their attacks on Iraq, Afghanistan, etc have been more unabated war crime than war. America simply held down poor countries without air forces and brutally beat them up. This simply isn't how conflict with a peer-country would go. An entire generation would have to see their peers go to war. With technology being equal, there's no way around it. There will be blood. This dim awareness is dawning somewhere within the military industrial complex. That they may have to raise a much larger army, from the general population. As a recent report from the US War College states:

The Russia-Ukraine War is exposing significant vulnerabilities in the Army's strategic personnel depth and ability to withstand and replace casualties. Army theater medical planners may anticipate a sustained rate of roughly 3,600 casualties per day, ranging from those killed in action to those wounded in action or suffering disease or other non-battle injuries. With a 25

percent predicted replacement rate, the personnel system will require 800 new personnel each day. For context, the United States sustained about 50,000 casualties in two decades of fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. In large-scale combat operations, the United States could experience that same number of casualties in two weeks.

That paper continues, leading to the obvious conclusion, conscription:

The US Army is facing a dire combination of a recruiting shortfall and a shrinking Individual Ready Reserve. This recruiting shortfall, nearly 50 percent in the combat arms career management fields, is a longitudinal problem. Every infantry and armor soldier we do not recruit today is a strategic mobilization asset we will not have in 2031. **The Individual Ready Reserve, which stood at 700,000 in 1973 and 450,000 in 1994, now stands at 76,000.** These numbers cannot fill the existing gaps in the active force, let alone any casualty replacement or expansion during a large-scale combat operation. The implication is that **the 1970s concept of an all-volunteer force has outlived its shelf life and does not align with the current operating environment.** The technological revolution described below suggests this force has reached obsolescence. **Large-scale combat operations troop requirements may well require a reconceptualization of the 1970s and 1980s volunteer force and a move toward partial conscription.**

What is less obvious, however, is how this could be done. Even if they could impose a draft again, most young Americans are simply not fit to serve. As a recent Pentagon study said:

77% of young Americans would not qualify for military service without a waiver due to being overweight, using drugs or having mental and physical health problems.

Even if the young people of America were fit to serve, why would they want to? Whereas Taiwan and Ukraine are right next to China and Russia, these are simply not existential concerns for Americans. All the bullshit about ‘democracy vs. authoritarianism’ is fine and well for social media, but it’s very different when you get a draft card. America staved off massive social unrest when they ended the draft, but it’ll come right back if they restart it. There is really no way for America to raise the army required for land war in Asia (on multiple fronts) and the very attempt would cause war in their own streets.

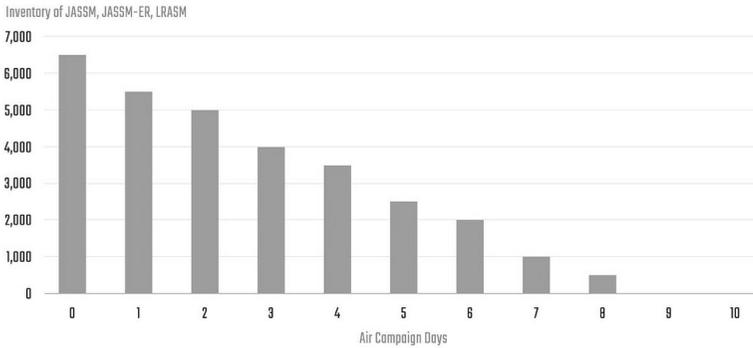
In contrast, China has a large standing army already, and at least the basic concept of conscription. Everybody has to be ready for service, though China simply doesn’t go around starting wars. Russia also has a large standing army, significant amount of volunteers coming in, and has already proved able to mobilize from the general population (for Ukraine). More to the point, Russian and Chinese people would *want* to mobilize, if they were attacked on their own borders.

America thinks they’re big cause they write big checks to arms dealers, but this is mostly wastage and corruption, with proxy patsies doing the real fighting and dying. By threatening peer powers, America’s propaganda mouthpieces are writing checks their asses simply can’t cash. If they fuck around, they’ll find out.

Matériel

The prime artificial resource required for war is matériel, ie hot shit to throw at each other. And America, which has deindustrialized both itself and now Europe, simply can’t make enough shit anymore. Don’t take my word for it. As the empire’s own Center for Strategic and International Studies says, “According to the results of a series of

CSIS war games, the United States would likely run out of some munitions—such as long-range, precision-guided munitions—in less than one week in a Taiwan Strait conflict.” America doesn’t have enough ammunition to last a week against China, and if they want to make more, they have to ask their Chinese suppliers.



Use of Munitions in a Possible Air Campaign. SOURCE Mark A. Gunzinger, "Affordable Mass: The Need for a Cost-Effective PGM Mix for Great Power Conflict," Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies

Regarding the war they’re already in, the US and NATO have been vastly outproduced by Russia. Again, this is all in imperial reports if you get past the propaganda packaging. This, for example, from the [NYTimes](#):

As a result of the push, Russia is now producing more ammunition than the United States and Europe. Overall, Kusti Salm, a senior Estonian defense ministry official, estimated that **Russia’s current ammunition production is seven times greater than that of the West.** Russia’s production costs are also far lower than the West’s, in part because Moscow is sacrificing safety and quality in its effort to build weapons more cheaply, Mr. Salm said. For instance, it costs a **Western country \$5,000 to \$6,000 to make a 155-millimeter artillery round, whereas it costs Russia about \$600 to produce a comparable 152-millimeter artillery shell, he said.**

The 'safety and quality' bit is just sour grapes. Western artillery shells are not \$5,000 better, they're just produced in a more corrupt and inefficient way, outsourced to war profiteers. Western production lines cannot scale up, and cost 10x more if they do. It's a losing proposition and it shows. Joe Biden himself said the US is running low on ammunition. This is why they released widely illegal cluster bombs, to poison supposedly Ukrainian soil for years. As the Chair of NATO's military committee said, "*The bottom of the barrel is now visible.*"

The western military industrial complex is fundamentally a grift and cannot keep up with the gruesome facts on the ground. Right now, the United States produces around 336,000 shells a year (according to the Pentagon), compared to the 2 million that their own intelligence says Russia is producing. The deficit may actually be much worse, and Russia is amping up industrial production of all things, not getting worse. Just look at manufacturing in general. Russia is reindustrializing, while the USA is at best standing still and Europe is going backwards.

The Pentagon's big plan is to increase production to 1.2 million a year by 2025, but this is still less than Russia in 2023, and it's not like they'll stand still. And that's just one enemy the Americans are choosing to make. What about the Chinese, or the North Koreans, or Iran? What about them working together? And what about India, just sitting this one out? How is America going to pick fights with all these people, while deindustrializing its 'allies'? What are they even talking about? They simply don't have the bullets to be shooting their mouth off like this. As the Good Ole Boys said, in *Blues Brothers*, "*you're going to look pretty funny trying to eat corn on the cob with **no fucking teeth.***"

Of course, you could just write off artillery as dumb bullets and pretend that wonder weapons (ie, silver bullets) will win wars. America propaganda is obsessed with what the Nazis called *wunderwaffen*. In Ukraine we've been alternately told that HIMARs, Patriot

missiles, Leopard/Abrams tanks, cluster munitions, F16s, or now ATACMS were going to win the war. But they didn't, did they? Western weapons are simply not that good when deployed against anything more sophisticated than a Toyota Hilux, and this all misses the point the Nazis missed too. Five hundred good tanks beat 5 great ones. Quantity is its own quality in war. When a tank 'depreciates' in days or hours, who gives a shit about the frills? In World War II, the Soviets were able to produce a much higher quantity of 'good enough' weaponry, and that (along with rivers of blood) won the thing. And in many cases, the Soviet weapons were higher quality as well. They invented the AK-47 after all, and the *Katushya*, the first multiple rocket launcher.

Western propaganda talks about 'Soviet-era' weaponry dismissively, but F16s and Abrams tanks are from the 'Soviet-era'. Even something like HIMARs is just a modern version of the *Katuysha*. What NATO is giving to Ukraine is mostly its old stuff and it's not necessarily better because it's 'western'. Furthermore, new Russian technology is also damn good (at being bad, of course). The Russians are innovating with drones, glide bombs, and hypersonic missiles. In the Ukraine war, modern Russian weapons are generally both better and much better integrated than the Frankenstein's monster of hand-me-downs that Ukraine has got.

The fact is that in Ukraine alone, western matériel is getting attrited much worse than the Russian stuff. Like sanctions, 'destroying' an army goes two ways. While Russia's matériel is certainly getting destroyed, so is the western stuff, and the Russians are able to replenish theirs faster. US politicians claim to have destroyed 50% of Russia's military 'for cheap' (using Ukrainian lives) but this is just bullshit. Russia is producing more than ever, whereas the West is at the bottom of the barrel, in their own words. And now the West is trying to open another front, against another industrialized power in China? This is nonsensical, especially since *they need Chinese resources to attack China*.

Don't take my word for it, ask war profiteer Greg Hayes of RTX (née Raytheon). He said Raytheon has "*several thousand suppliers in China and decoupling... is impossible. More than 95% of rare earth materials or metals come from, or are processed in, China. There is no alternative.*"

The fact is that western economies (and militaries) are only big on paper. Most of their natural resources and production come from the rest of the world, and they've now sanctioned and scolded themselves into a corner. They're paying \$5,000 more for a bullet and pretending like it's that much better, when in fact it's just corruption and waste and fraud. None of these delusions will (or have) survived contact with reality. These wonder weapons couldn't even overcome the Taliban. How much more useless are they against people with equal or better weapons, air forces, and electronic warfare capability? America simply doesn't have the matériel capability to fight one war in Asia, let alone two or three. To paraphrase Madonna, "*We are living, in a matériel world, and I am a matériel girl.*"

Choosing Violence

The option that often goes undiscussed about American foreign policy would be simply *fucking off*. Neither China nor Russia especially want to provoke America, they just don't want America fucking around near their borders. One thing that people ignore is that the US is nowhere near Ukraine or Taiwan, and its record of 'helping' in other places is just a record of making things much worse. The truth is that the United States should have about as much involvement in China or Russia's border as Sri Lanka. That is to say, none at all. But delusional American elites simply can't live like that — like a normal country — so they're choosing a final paroxysm of violence. And, of course, it could be final for everyone. These are, after all, nuclear powers that they're fucking around with, and that's a terrible thing to find out.

And so here they are, like the confident Sicilian in *The Princess Bride*. In the scene I discuss at the beginning, that man confidently blathers and scolds — so confident in his own wits — and then finally laughs

at his opponent. The game is to guess which cup contains poison, and the Sicilian is completely sure he's got it right. But he was wrong, of course, and he died. *Both* cups contained poison, which his opponent had worked for years to develop an immunity today. This is the state of America, blathering about war in Taiwan and Ukraine, while its opponents there have been industrializing for decades. America, meanwhile, has been in nothing but decline. This is neither the time nor the place for them to start a land war in Asia (it never is), but they seem determined. America simply cannot win a land war in Asia (who can?), but for some accursed reason, they're still trying.

59.REMEMBER UKRAINE?

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Now that the White Empire has found a poor population to drop expensive bombs on in Gaza, they're cutting bait on Ukraine. What do you hear about Ukraine now? Crickets. The mechanical locusts of Empire have moved onto Gaza, to feed on poor souls without air defenses, NATO's usual diet.

Today, privatized propaganda outlets barely cover Ukraine at all. Zelensky cannot get an audience of Capitol Hill or even Oprah. The same outlets also put out stories about how Ukraine is losing, or stalemating, and saying they need to negotiate. They are, as the saying goes, cutting bait. At the same time, the US Congress is not releasing more funds for Ukraine, at a point when delay means death. Joe Biden said they'd be with Ukraine until the end, and this is it.

When The Think Tanks Retreat

The think tank army is abandoning Ukraine first. In *Foreign Affairs*, the veteran swamp monster Richard Haas talks about 'Redefining Success In Ukraine' (as failure). In *Wall Street Journal*, some Carnegie felons say 'It's Time to End Magical Thinking About Russia's Defeat.' Of course, they still magically think this isn't, thus, a defeat for NATO,

which it is. The great imperial trick, however, is to get over the last war by burying some new people under rubble, which is precisely what they're doing now.

The western elites are simply losing interest in fighting an actual army in Russia when there are women and children to kill in Palestine, which is much easier. The military-industrial complex is simply not geared for picking on someone their own size, which is the problem they faced against Russia. All of NATO's heavy weaponry is geared for shooting fish in a barrel and completely falls apart if the fish has radar. They were still making good money losing expensive matériel in Ukraine, but it was bad marketing, seeing all that 'lethal aid' burn in public.

In Gaza, however, they get to test out sniper drones and new kinds of burning bombs on victims who are, on average, five years old. This is more Empire's cup of bloody tea, and always was. These guys made their bones on genocide and the tree of Liberty™ must be frequently watered with the blood of innocents. So it was from the 'settling' of the US, Canada, and Australia to the diaspora of violent European tribes all over the world. They *always* killed entire populations, especially children, and Israel is simply imperial business as usual. It just looks atrociously out of place right now. But this is what they are, and always were.

The American military-industrial complex is almost exclusively geared towards what they call 'counter-insurgency'. This is just the new word for the old practice of slaughtering natives. They have always called the natives 'savage' to justify the savagery unleashed upon them. Murder of civilian populations and ad hoc armies is what Empire is most comfortable with, it's what they're founded on. Except for a brief interlude fighting each other *over* Empire in World War II, it's most of what they do. Kill people, take their stuff, and call them savage for resisting. It's the founding creed of western civilization. Israel is just the latest colony plunked in the middle of some resources they want, as part of the age-old strategy of divide-and-conquer. Palestine is just the latest place to be conquered.

The only problem is that it's a bit late in the day now. The natives have anti-tank weapons, the slaughtered have smartphones, and Empire itself can neither raise proper armies nor produce enough weapons. But I'm getting ahead of myself. Even in this piece I am forgetting about Ukraine, because it's so imminently forgettable. Suffice it to say that the think tanks are pulling out, which means the real tanks are soon to follow.

The Tanks Will Follow

Reading the western press (just privatized propaganda) is useless for understanding the world, but it does help you understand the *world-view* of these ghouls. Right now, they are ghosting on Ukraine quite publicly. Reading statements from western government is also useless (they're lying sacks of shit), but you can look at their budgets, or lack thereof. As Genocidin' Joe Biden said, *'Don't tell me what you value, show me your budget, and I'll tell you what you value.'* By this logic, America obviously doesn't value Ukraine anymore cause they're not allocating money to it.

The dysfunctional US Congress has not approved further funding for Ukraine. They can barely fund their own country for two months at a time, but they always found tens of billions in the couch cushions for Ukraine. Not anymore. The unauditable Pentagon will move some of its blood money around for a while, but this filthy lucre is increasingly allocated for Israel, with Ukraine at the end of the trough. Meanwhile Europe can make pledges, but its population is restless and the whole place has deindustrialized without Russian gas. They're not reliable either.

Ukraine is thus left friendless and defenseless at the worst possible time. They have to 'show' offensives to get further funding, but they can't even defend what they have without further funding. It's a Catch-22. Realistically even 'funding' is not enough because you have to actually be able to produce things and commit manpower to win wars, none of which NATO is actually able or willing to do. They're fundamentally cowards used to dropping expensive bombs on poor

people, not sustaining industrial warfare against a peer power. NATO is out of tinder and out of patience and Ukraine is, thus, shit out of luck.

The think tanks are saying that there is no more reason to fight this war, Congress is saying that there is no more money, and the western media is saying nothing, which is worst of all. The idea of Ukraine picking a fight with its neighbor was always stupid, it was executed badly, and now Ukraine is done. As John Mearsheimer said years ago, 'we are leading Ukraine down the primrose path and Ukraine is going to get wrecked'. And that's exactly how it went down. It's already over. It's just taking a signal awhile to reach the brain of imperial denizens.

Ukraine is not in the news anymore, it's not in the budget, and think tankers are hitting them with friendly fire. Russia can advance at its leisure, America is about to shit itself in an election, and Europe never existed at all. Ukraine has been abandoned and is thus lost. The truth is Ukraine should have never picked a fight with their direct neighbor and their own Russian-speaking citizens, but here they are. It's hard to blame Ukraine, because the last 'pro-Russian' government they had was coupéd and replaced with (also) corrupt compradors. As Henry Kissinger said decades ago, "*It may be dangerous to be America's enemy, but to be America's friend is fatal.*" Like many countries before them, Ukraine has found this out the hard way. America has no allies, only interests, and they're just not interested in Ukraine anymore. It's over.

PART IX

PALESTINE

60. HOW MUCH KILLING DO WE WITNESS BEFORE BREAKFAST?

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The original 'atrocitiy propaganda' the British used against the Irish, still being used against Palestine today

I wake up to news that “Gaza will eventually turn into a city of tents... There will be no buildings,” an Israeli security official tells Israel’s Channel 13’ (via). This is after the Israeli War Minister saying they were fighting “human animals” and vowing to “act accordingly.” Then we get a speech from the US President saying they wholeheartedly support this. If you’re wondering where you’d be during another holocaust, well, you’re here. They’re bombing a concentration camp after a rebellion, and we’re all watching.

How much killing do we witness before breakfast? They say we live in the most peaceful time in history, statistically, but it sure doesn’t feel like it. We’re told that public executions and torture were barbaric and backwards, but how much murder and torture do we see on a daily basis? How much have I seen today? It’s literally delivered with the papers and alerting us constantly through every screen. As Olúfemi O. Táíwò says,

i understand, intellectually, that we just have way quicker access to more and more visceral kinds of information about things being fucked up across the planet than we did decades ago. still, though

What I crib from that is the *visceral* part. All of the news really gets you in the feels. We have access to a much bigger outside, and we can feel it inside. Honestly, it’s too much for me. I don’t watch/read the news and physically turn away from a newsstand if I ever see one. I’ve read enough and seen my own family in the news enough that I know that it’s 90% bullshit, and I just don’t have the energy to dig through it. I try to get my news through people, in person, but it still seeps through the walls. Hell, I’m back with Twitter, my X, again. I’ve had a relapse.

We are daily witness to countless atrocities, and the myth of liberal democracy is that we’re all philosopher kings. We’re supposed to *do*

something about it. That's the response I hear around the papers, *someone should do something*. OK, I mean, what? And how? The news is really stuff being done to you. We're not philosopher kings as much as propagandized peasants.

And yet the myth persists. That if we just form and express the right opinions, the world will be rightly ordered. Meanwhile one class owns the media, buys the politicians, and then holds big bribery festivals called elections. Elections are literally just the rich bribing politicians who spend the money on media and we call it 'being informed'. It's really an infestation. Indeed, if you look up the donors to many US politicians, they take tons of money from Israel directly, or arms dealers, or both for good measure. This would be called foreign bribery in any objective context, but the whole thing is somehow obscured by 'disclosure'. Westerners do terrible things but give them fancy names and do it in public, and so they get away with it. This is the ruling mythology that I call Democracy™. It's all marketing.

The ruling myth of liberal democracy is that we're kings because we get to pick a color every few years. In reality we're still peasants. We're just peasants in the town square witnessing different people being drawn and quartered. It's no different, nay, it's *worse*, because those people at least had to face and smell the viscera. There was some honesty in that. We have this polite remove from all the horror, but far worse things are done in our names, from the well-stocked arsenals of democracy. The same old brutality is obscured by the news, but still we feel it, viscerally.

This morning, for example, my mother-in-law comes over with the newspaper, which most likely contains news about her brother that was assassinated, and the ongoing battle to even get the body back. I avert my eyes. When *Din Anna* was murdered I stopped reading the news here (in Sri Lanka). But it's not like the foreign news is any better. As another example, because I'm back with my toxic X, I see some full-page headlines from the UK, saying the Palestinians are

killing babies. This is widely debunked now and stunk in the first place, but who cares, if it bleeds it leads. They'll happily publish blood libel and bury the correction along with the bodies. Meanwhile Israel is killing actual babies with British bombs and that's all justified by the blood libel. Never do they get to the actual point, which is the inherent and asymmetrical violence of people with fighter jets doing donuts around an undefended concentration camp. As Paolo Freire said:

Never in history has violence been initiated by the oppressed. How could they be the initiators, if they themselves are the result of violence? How could they be the sponsors of something whose objective inauguration called forth their existence as oppressed? There would be no oppressed had there been no prior situation of violence to establish their subjugation. Violence is initiated by those who oppress, who exploit, who fail to recognize others as persons — not by those who are oppressed, exploited, and unrecognized.

This is the forest that we miss for the chopped down trees called newspapers. We have all the detail and none of the context, including the vital context of power. Indeed, the news is produced by the powerful. Who do you think it serves? It's no different than the Roman concept of bread and circuses, except no fucking bread, just circus. I call it the Cable TV Colosseum. Therein, the latest enemies of empire are trotted out, their humanity explained away, and they're fed to the lions in public. We consume this horror as *news* — something for serious people — but it's really a serious sociopathy. I say we, but who are we kidding, we're as bloodthirsty as ever. We've just globalized the Colosseum into a relentless panopticon.

But, there I go, using the royal 'we' again, when I'm really just a provincial peasant, the lowest of the low. Sri Lanka is on the whip end

of White Empire, debt slaves to the dollar. I get the same news, but I'm no Roman and I'm not the intended audience. Indeed, more often than not, I'm the type trotted into the Colosseum to bleed for your pleasure. *'Are you not entertained?'* as Maximus told y'all. Western reporters only contact me when my country is in some state of collapse, and they usually ask me to blame China or whatever other enemy *du jour*. I'm just there for color commentary on the bodies of my own people. But let me be a foreign correspondent for a minute, and turn the lens back on the heart of Empire.

Westerners will hear about a thousand murders before breakfast, then cheer for *more* bombers and bombs, like blood-minded children eating sugary cereal and screaming out for the latest toys from Raytheon and Lockheed Martin. That's all the western news is, ultimately, advertising for arms dealers, with dick pills for the plebs peddled in between. I'd say it's not their fault because their democracies are just elaborate systems of deception, but these are in no way 'good' people as the news lulls them into thinking. And now even that pretence is gone. There used to be some talk of good intentions (*helping Ukraine! Saving Afghan women! Defending democracy!*) but now even that has cast off. Now people are openly call for genocide against Palestinians, saying they should be 'eliminated' or finished' like a — what's the phrase — final solution. And that's cool.

Westerners are still watching and debating the deaths of other humans and never once do they consider fucking off and just not making things worse. All of these wars are advertised as 'helping' or preserving order, but they are, in fact, the disorder. But that's the one option the false choices in the media never give you. The default option for Sri Lankans, which is doing nothing. In that sense we're better, cause we at least don't make things worse.

There's this great western pretence that the destruction of other countries is a polite and civilized things to talk about over the breakfast table. There really has been no progress from their violent European past, they've just dragged the whole colonized world into

the town square to disembowel us, over and over. These people are really the same as their ancestors who went to the town square to watch a gutting. Only today it's 24/7 and international. The appetite for destruction has only gotten more relentless. As Guns N' Roses said:

*Welcome to the jungle, we got fun and games
We got everything you want, honey, we know the names
We are the people that can find whatever you may need
If you got the money, honey, we got your disease
In the jungle, welcome to the jungle
Watch it bring you to your shun-n-n-n-n-n-n-n-n-n-n,
knees, knees
Mwah, ah, I wanna watch you bleed*

'Terrorists' are trotted out as especially savage savages and, viscerally, it would seem so. Terrorists get their hands dirty, they kill people in front of them, taking risks and even dying for their cause. When viewed through the media lens, this seems especially reprehensible. But this is really just media bias. The story of one killing is much more salient than 10,000 people slaughtered from above. And so it's easy. Westerners have been telling the story, for example, of colonized people disemboweling babies since the 1640s because it works. And it's the exact same lie they're peddling about Palestine now. As Caitlin Johnstone says:

Killing civilians with military explosives is not actually any more humane or civilized than killing them with firearms. They'll cause gruesome injuries and slow, excruciating deaths by suffocation, burns and body trauma. They're horrific weapons of mass murder. The one and only reason you don't see as much shock and horror in response to killing with military explosives as killing with firearms is because killing with military explosives is something you do from far away. When they show video clips of the buildings getting blown up, you're not

seeing the people being crushed to death underneath them and ripped apart in the blasts. It's just a fun little sanitized clip of an explosion, like you're watching an action movie or playing a video game. It's not actually any nicer than if the IDF were running around shooting civilians with rifles or running them through with swords, it's just more detached, so it lets people psychologically compartmentalize away from what's really happening.

Or as the Palestinian Mohammed El-Kurd said:

There isn't much difference between proudly broadcasting the mass murder of a civilian neighborhood and "field executions." They are both theatrical psychological warfare tactics, but only one has a much higher death toll AND the backing of a complicit international community.

Americans don't even know how many people were killed in their Terror Wars! It's close to a million, probably more. And they're still going! Their soldiers won't even get their boots dirty and, if they do, it's an outrage requiring slaughtering thousands more. The greater terror is really not the swarthy man in a suicide vest, but the white man in a suit.

I digress but my thoughts are inchoate. I've got my own fucking trauma and then there's the news, dumping all the trauma of the world into my impotent skull. I was thinking about other things but now all I'm thinking about is war. It's very difficult to know about a genocide in real-time and to stop knowing about it. But how and why do I even know? I'm just some peasant in a distant province, watching some Palestinians getting massacred, knowing it could be my turn soon enough. We are all forced to watch, because the privatized propaganda empire of the West

is so strong. We are all traumatized by their horrors, *which is what they want*. The central message of public murder and torture is to preserve hierarchy, which is what the falling empire of the West is violently doing now. And so we must be given a dose of killing before our breakfast, wherever we are. By the old gods and new, it makes my nauseous. My heart goes out to Gaza, but my viscera are somewhere on the floor.

61. PALESTINE IS HOW COLONIALISM HAPPENS

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If you wondered how you would react during a slave rebellion or anti-colonial struggle, well, this is how you'd react. It's happening right now, in front of you in this cursed panopticon. Israel is a literal settler colony and they're slaughtering the natives that dared rebel against them. And the other colonizers are piling into help. This is why colonial history is important. Because it's not history. It's happening right now.

Nat Turner's slave rebellion in 1831 was covered the same as the Palestinian rebellion today. The enslaved were portrayed as brutally murdering women and children, and then mercilessly pursued by Dragoons with modern weapons. What's happening to Palestine now? It's literally the same script, 200 years later. They even use the same lies to justify themselves.

In a 1641 Irish rebellion, newspapers and politicians fabricated accounts of the rebels killing babies and disemboweling pregnant women, just as the Palestinian rebellions is being slandered today. Just see the headlines in almost every UK paper, based on nothing. A lie about "*40 Babies Beheaded By Hamas*" gets half-way around the world before the truth gets its pants on. The UK Metro paper even put an image of an IOF soldier holding a puppy, for full derangement.

Even the IDF and White House deny any evidence of this baby killing, but it is being used to collectively punish the population of Gaza, which contains over a million children.

As you can see, it's literally the same story used to justify colonial violence since colonialism. Save our children, by killing theirs! Based on what can only be blood libel. The image above is just comically propagandist. The enemy is killing babies, while our guys are saving puppies. None of this is true, of course, and even the 'journalists' know it. Here's the international correspondent of The Independent [explaining](#) why she deleted a tweet about it:

I just wanted to clarify that I did not tweet 40 babies had been beheaded. I tweeted that foreign media had been told women and children had been decapitated but we had not been shown bodies — which was my response to reports which had gone viral about the 40 babies. **I realised the way my tweet was written was too short to explain the full context, so deleted it.** My headline of my story references that toddlers were killed.

She deleted the tweet but saw fit to run it the story on the front page, where even more damage was done! These people know what they're doing, it's the same old playbook from every rebellion the colonizers have brutally suppressed, and of course they face no consequences. These are the same people who incited their population into supporting so many wars, and they only fail upwards. Only the anti-war journalists get fired, in countries that are now trying to ban protest or even flying Palestinian flags. It's the same colonial shit, different colonial day. Make the colonized look like merciless savages, then mercilessly savage them. This is how they break the back of anti-colonial rebellions to this day.

Even the words coming out the mouths of politicians are the same. Here's a 1641 statement from the British Parliament, about the Irish rebellion:

All I can tell you is the miserable state we continue under, for the rebels daily increase in man and munitions in all parts, except the province of Munster, exercising all manner of cruelties, and striving who can be most barbarously exquisite in tormenting the poor Protestants, cutting off their ears, fingers, and hands, plucking out their eyes, boiling the hands of little children before their mothers' faces, stripping women naked and ripping them up.

And here's Joe Biden, the doddering heir to White Empire, now centered in Washington DC instead of London:

You know, there are moments in this life — and I mean this literally — when the pure, unadulterated evil is unleashed on this world. The people of Israel lived through one such moment this weekend. The bloody hands of the terrorist organization Hamas — a group whose stated purpose for being is to kill Jews.

This was an act of sheer evil.

More than 1,000 civilians slaughtered — not just killed, slaughtered — in Israel. Among them, at least 14 American citizens killed. Parents butchered using their bodies to try to protect their children. Stomach-turning reports of being — babies being killed. Entire families slain. Young people massacred while attending a musical festival to celebrate peace — to celebrate peace.

Women raped, assaulted, paraded as trophies.

Families hid their fear for hours and hours, desperately trying to keep their children quiet to avoid drawing attention. And thousands of wounded, alive but carrying with them the bullet holes and the shrapnel wounds and the memory of what they endured. You all know these traumas never go away.

Many of the things Biden lists are completely false. No babies killed like that (even the IDF and his own White House denies evidence), the festival was not about peace, and no creditable reports of women being raped and paraded through the streets. Even his own White House had to ‘walk back’ his remarks:

A White House spokesperson later clarified that U.S. officials and the president have not seen pictures or confirmed such reports independently. The president based his comments about the alleged atrocities on the claims from Netanyahu’s spokesman and media reports from Israel, according to the White House. In response to questions from The Post, an Israel Defense Forces spokesperson declined to comment on the state of victims’ bodies.

As Sahouraxo said, *“In other words, Joe Biden lied about seeing pictures of beheaded Israeli babies in order to justify Israel’s ongoing massacre of Gaza’s civilians. Just like Obama lied about Syria and Libya, and Bush lied about WMDs in Iraq.”* I argue that these lies go all the way back to the start of colonialism, to the first slave rebellion, to the first native resistance. It’s the same phenomenon, only now they add the asterisk (we were lying!) a few days rather than centuries later.

Like that corrupt British journalist’s ‘walkback’, it’s too little too late, and they know exactly what they’re doing. They spread the lie widely and bury the truth in a shallow grave. Both Biden and the entire corrupt ‘liberal’ establishment are openly giving marching orders to a militarized pogrom. They are inciting violence just as their predecessors incited violence throughout colonialism.

Every atrocity Biden makes up is to justify the atrocities they’re doing and about to do more. Every atrocity he lists as ‘pure evil’, Israel has done at an industrial level, and is doing even more so. Propagandists

even use images of Israeli atrocities to make their point. Justin Bieber, for example, said ‘pray for Israel’, over a picture of destroyed Gaza!

As Mohammed El-Kurd said:

“ Hamas dissected a pregnant woman’s body,” but it’s actually a report of the Sabra and Shatila massacre where Israeli soldiers did that to a Palestinian woman. “ Hamas keeps babies in cages,” but the images show Palestinian babies caged by the Israeli military. What a circus

I, personally, remember the photograph of a Palestinian father, desperately holding his son before they were both mowed down by Israelis. Rape of women, men, and children is endemic under Israeli apartheid, this is also well documented. Entire families are being slain as we speak in Gaza, and Biden talked about the traumas this causes. Does that trauma go away because Palestinians are, in the Israeli War Minister’s words, “ *human animals*.” It makes sense that these people are destroying the world environmentally, they think animals deserve brutality, and apply this wicked hierarchy of feeling even within humans. I’d say the language is demented but it’s not. As Donald Glover sang, ‘ *this is America*’.

Biden is simply repeating what Thomas Jefferson — who raped slaves and enslaved his own children — wrote in the Declaration of Independence, complaining about the British King not being genocidal enough. That founding text of America reads:

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, **the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.**

This statement is not an aberration, it is the American creed, now exported to their colony in the Middle East. Hamas did attack Israel, primarily military targets, and people were killed. In response these acts of war, Israel is seeking *carte blanche* for war crimes, with no concept of proportionality (because they're animals). And they're getting permission and arms for this, from the heart of White Empire. The provinces of the UK and Australia, so fond of lecturing, now see nothing wrong with cutting off food, water, and electricity to an entire population (which definitely kills babies, ie newborns in incubators). Meanwhile America pulls up an aircraft carrier on a concentration camp, to prevent them from getting any relief from the ocean, besides jumping into it and drowning.

We are witnessing colonialism in real time, with industrial machinery. We are witnessing the crushing of the Warsaw Ghetto all over again. We are witnessing all the stuff liberals sanctimoniously say is in the past, but it's happening right now, right in front of us. The rebellion of Palestine is being crushed by the colonial outpost of Israel, with the full backing of the still ruling White Empire. Colonialism is not distant history. It's happening right in front of us, right now. So if you're wondering what you'd do and think during colonialism, during Nazism, during all of the evils you think are in the past, *this* is what you'd be doing. *This* is what you'd be thinking. So you have to ask, what side of history are you on?

62. WHY ISRAEL SHOULD NOT EXIST

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Empire has a fascinating habit of accusing its enemies of what it's doing. The playground response *'I know you are, but what am I?'* is surprisingly apt when talking to these global bullies. Everything they accuse enemies of doing is precisely what their colony Israel is doing, with their full support. Developing illegal nuclear programs, attacking other countries, and oppressing the land's inhabitants. By the Empire's own logic, regime change in Israel is long overdue. The fact is that this state of Israel should not and cannot exist and, *inshallah*, soon enough won't.

The Telling Hypocrisy

For decades the White Empire has accused independent Middle Eastern countries of A) developing weapons of mass destruction B) attacking their neighbors and C) oppressing their inhabitants. They have used these accusations to sanction, bomb, destabilize, and regime change them many times over. But they're attacking the wrong targets. If there's a rogue state in the Middle East, it's Israel, which has done all of the above and worse. If anyone needs regime changing, it's the violent, apartheid, racist, police state currently occupying Palestine right now.

To take the first point of America's rhetorical spear, Israel has nukes and plans to use them. Other countries have been sanctioned and invaded for much less, but Israel gets a pass. Israel abducts anyone that talks about it, but they're widely acknowledged to have many nuclear weapons. Israel also has credible plans to use them (the 'Samson Option') and has not signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. They are by all accounts a rogue nuclear state, which is precisely the thing Empire has told us to fear. Unless they're doing it. As the Simpsons meme goes, no one is allowed to develop illegal WMD, except me and maybe the boy! Israeli politicians have in fact called for using 'doomsday' weapons on Palestinians in their current genocide, but had to settle for dropping two Hiroshimas worth of regular bombs instead. Israel is by all objective accounts a rogue, violent state that should not have nuclear weapons, but they do. Just one reason that regime change is overdue.

To the second point, Israel attacks its own neighbors on a regular basis, something Iraq was attacked for after Kuwait, but which Israel keeps doing with impunity. Israel has attacked and occupied Lebanon and Syria, fought with all of its neighbors, and still does. Recently it has bombed Lebanon and Syria's airports, and keeps doing it. Who else gets away with this, and why on Earth should Israel? If any other country bombs someone else's airports that's a cause for war, but Israel is *always* at war with its neighbors. We barely even notice. But we should. Being at war with your neighbors isn't good. Constantly stealing and colonizing their land by violence is both destabilizing and rude. Just one more reason Israel should be subdued.

Finally, though Israel is called the only 'democracy' in the Middle East, that's a cruel joke. If you form a democracy by ethnic cleaning most of the people there and putting them in concentration camps or under apartheid, that's cheating, isn't it? A democracy where the people living on the land and from the land were actually represented would not be a Jewish ethnostate like Israel, a fact that they use violence at every turn to avoid.

For a while, the default ‘solution’ to this conundrum was having two states, one a Jewish totalitarian one and another for Palestinians. But Israel blocked this by violently and greedily colonizing ever more land, blocking Palestinian statehood at every turn, and slowly genociding the people. Now the only solution is a one-state solution, which cannot exist under the current Israeli regime, which is why it has to be overthrown. America has bombed countless places to try and impose democracy, but it won’t impose actual democracy in the one place it controls.

The Truth

Hence if you follow what the Empire says and not what it does, it leads to one conclusion. Not Israel, but a free Palestine with freedom for all its people, Jew, Muslim, Christian, whatever. From the river to the sea, Palestine should be free. Jews can and should be able to live there, but *Zionists* shouldn’t be able to kick other people out of their homes, regularly pogrom them, put them in concentration camps, and then drop bombs on their hospitals, refugee camps, and schools. That’s just not cool. Jewish people should be able to live where they are, but an apartheid, extremist Jewish state should not be able to regularly attack and threaten its neighbors, including with illegal nukes. That’s just rude. Ergo, the current inhabitants of Israel should have a place to live, but not at the price of displacing everyone, and people from Europe and America and all over can’t continue violently colonizing the place while its indigenous inhabitants are denied the right to return. Of course, none of this common-sense policy is possible with the current Israeli regime in place, so Israel’s got to go.

If anyone in the region deserves regime change it’s Israel, but unfortunately the American regime that runs them would have to fall first. America’s global policy is not hypocrisy as much as jealousy. Empire doesn’t actually object to violence, they just want a monopoly of it. They don’t mind evil so much, they just want to be the ones doing it. This is a franchise they extend to Israel, their ‘unsinkable aircraft

carrier' parked near the gas station. So in truth, it's not just Israel that has to go, it's the whole genocidal White Empire it's attached to. Unfortunately it's not happening right now, but it'll come soon enough, inshallah.

America right now is overstretched in multiple conflicts, and only starting more in its violent death throes. Israel cannot exist without American weapons and global protection, and if America falls, Israel does too. If Daddy Warbucks withdraws his filthy lucre, the charade is through. The thing about empire is that they all seem unstoppable, but they all stop eventually. Eventually doesn't come fast, but you can't avoid it either. And this does seem to be one of those decades when centuries happen.

American Empire is not long for the Earth, but unfortunately this Earth doesn't have long to go either. As fossil fuel resources run out and pollution and natural genocide collapses the living world, this last and most violent incarnation of White Empire will collapse too. It cannot exist without the substrate it exploits, and thus seals its own doom. And thus the end of its most violent colony, Israel, too. While Israel can certainly go Samson on the way out, it's important to remember that Samson took the whole Philistine temple down with him, in his death throes. Which it looks like Israel, in its wild genocide of the native Palestinian people, is trying hard do.

So godspeed to the brave Palestinians, all the mujahideen and martyrs (not bad words, look them up you racist), and everyone trying to do what America says but doesn't do. If anyone needs to be regime changed in the Middle East, it's Israel. God knows, it's long overdue.

63. HOW THEY KILL PALESTINIANS TWICE

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My wife's uncle was killed last year. The family has spent almost a year fighting not for his life but for his death. For a murder verdict. He was killed by powerful people who used the corrupt police and press to try and cover the whole thing up, as suicide. I think about this as I watch the open genocide of Gaza. Whether it's homicide or genocide, they try to cover it up and blame the victim. This is what the most powerful (and prolific) killers do. They take not just your life, but your death.

This is how it is when you face state killers. They have the power to 'state' things, so they state that you deserved it, or that you killed yourself, or that it didn't happen at all. And the mass media happily plays the tune. They cover up murder and mass murder with equal gusto. In Sri Lanka, our uncle was murdered in broad daylight in a professional hit, and crooked journalists still call it a 'mystery'. In Israel, American bombs and a professional military obliterate 10,000 people (and counting!) while the NYTimes buries them in verbal rubble. They shamelessly run headlines like *"Explosion Gazans Say Was Airstrike Leaves Many Casualties in Dense Neighborhood."* WTF does this even mean? That story was Israel bombing a decades-old refugee camp. The image was a journalist holding the body of his

dead child. All of the free press in the West are just privatized propaganda. They're accomplices to mass murder, to state it plainly.

I've seen this real collusion happen in my personal life, and now we can all see it every day in the global news. Just as the mass media works with the homicidal police, they work with genocidal militaries too. This is how the powerful roll. They take your life and then they take your death too. They beat the pall-bearers at your funeral. Absolute ghouls.

Right now in Palestine, Genocide Joe Biden — some chickenhawk from Connecticut who should really focus on Palestine, Ohio— said he has “*no confidence in the number that the Palestinians are using.*” This is the world's largest arms dealer lecturing people with their arms blown off. At that point, the number of Palestinian dead was 7,000. Now it's 10,000. It's only accelerating, as America sends generals, troops, warships, and gigantic bombs to drop on a concentration camp. The openly genocidal Israeli state says 20,000 killed, nearly 1% of the Gazan population, because that's what they're trying to do and they're proud of it. But the Americans are completely shameless. They send tonnes of bombs and then lie about it, like those bombs don't drop. The powerful don't just kill people. They murder language too.

The most vital task of western propaganda is not manufacturing consent, it's manufacturing *doubt*. It's asking so many stupid questions and taking up so much time that people either get confused or forget about it. It's setting up a debate with 'both sides', like gladiators in a Colosseum, so the status quo of Empire can carry on undisturbed above. Or to put it more simply as Trump adviser Steve Bannon did, they simply 'flood the zone with shit'. They bury the bodies twice, once in concrete rubble and then in abstract rubbish.

What is happening in Palestine is an obvious genocide, as genocide scholars are saying, as anyone with eyes and a heart knows. When you cut off food, water, and fuel to a population and bomb them in their homes, what else do you call this? Fighting terrorism? Every

single child in Gaza is terrorized. The world is terrorized by watching and every single country except America, Israel, and the latest colony Ukraine voted for a ceasefire. White Empire is the terror. Forget what they say and just look at what they do. Unfortunately, as the still ruling power in the world, they still control the words we use.

So we must endlessly debate the word 'genocide', just as my family had to fight for the word 'homicide'. We have to get killers to admit that they're killers, and everyone has to pretend that these are serious people, and not just rogues that have captured institutions. And the sad fact is that much of the population, which still has some trust in these institutions, still takes these cold-blooded killers at their word. In truth the average citizen of your modern Democracy™ has no more wisdom power than a Roman in a Colosseum. They're just watching some poor population getting trotted out for mass murder, and getting a transient thrill from putting their thumb up or down. It's meaningless. The Empire decides who gets trotted out in the first place, and precisely what lies get told about them. These idiot populations endlessly debate who should live or die, like it's any of their business, while their rulers make a killing above it all. Genocide is good business for these ghouls. As colonizers, it's really the only business they know.

The liberals in the Colosseum — the 'enlightened' Romans — are in fact, the worst. They keep saying 'it's complicated' and draw you into endless theoretical debates about words and meanings, only to give a thumbs down if you dare throw a rock. The openly genocidal people are at least openly genocidal, you know where they're coming from. The tacitly genocidal people come to you as friends, and stab you in the back cause they're still fundamentally Brutuses.

Western liberal democrats, who elected the latest 'lesser' evil in Joe Biden, have proven to be the worst warmongers of all. Just look at soulless husks like Samantha Power, winning a Pulitzer Prize for a book about genocide, then going on to commit it wholeheartedly for the US government. These ghouls waste precious time debating how

many of you need to die — and precisely how — before they change a word on your tombstone. They'll happily piss on your grave and say they're watering the flowers.

It sounds like hypocrisy, but it's not. It's really about *hierarchy*. The only choice America has in its next selection is a focus on white supremacy at home or white supremacy abroad. It's white supremacy no matter what, *even with a black President*. Yes, black and brown people can even climb the ladder of whiteness, as long as they follow the rule of kicking down. Colonialism has always been administered by the colored, as long as they preserve the hierarchy. Which is actually very simple.

The 'rules-based order' has just one rule: colonizers have the right to kill, and it's right for the colonized to die. You can see this rule in the BBC style guide. They still report 'Israelis were killed' and 'Palestinians died.' You can see it in a CBS reporter moaning about the Ukraine War, saying, "*This isn't a place, with all due respect, you know, like Iraq or Afghanistan that has seen conflict raging for decades. You know, this is a relatively civilized, relatively European... city.*" The only lesson the colonizers learned from World War II was *never again for white people*. Hitler's only sin was applying colonial logic to Europe. The 'rules-based order' are just Nazis that won, who have gleefully continued killing colored people ever since. As I said, they control words, and it's only a 'World War' if white people are involved. If they're killing us, it's just business as usual.

We can see this is stark relief in Palestine. It's not a genocide because Muslims are dying, and don't they deserve it? They're not like us, and aren't so violent? As one Aaron Bady said, "*The basic (colonial) double standard of the Israel Palestine "conflict" is that any Palestinian violence justifies any Israeli violence, but no Israeli violence ever justifies any Palestinian violence, and once you see it, you'll never stop seeing it.*" As Maitreya Bhakal responded, "*It's not hypocrisy it's hierarchy,*" as I said (I got it from him).

The truth is the ruling White Empire has no objection to violence in general, it just wants a monopoly on it. Any threat to their monopoly

is called terrorism and must be put down with total genocide, in any random direction; just as long as the darkies get the point and the arms dealers get their profits. The cruelty is the point, really. They show their power by regularly beating up on the powerless.

If you want to see their monstrosity in a microcosm, just watch the funeral of Shireen Abu Akleh. Israeli snipers assassinated the Palestinian journalist, blamed it on the Palestinians, and then beat up the pall-bearers at her funeral. *They beat up the pall-bearers at the funeral.* That's how vicious the colonizers are, and how little they see the colonized as human. And just wait till you see what they do to the animals and the plants and the land. Genocide is really a continuum, and their genocidal violence extends to everybody that has genes. The whole natural world. It's really one hierarchy of violence, with whiteness (a fluid category) at the top and every living thing crushed underneath that imaginary concept. It's so imaginary that it's not even white *people* at the top, it's white people with *property*, as it was in that accursed Declaration of Independence. At this point it's effectively just property, as corporations have been sentient (and malevolent) for centuries now.

Today, I sadly don't have to point out examples to you. Every single day, Israel commits a thousand different war crimes, while America sends them a billion dollars, and Europe wags along. Colonizers stay colonizing, even as the Earth burns. The most brazen example of people dying and them lying is the bombing of Al-Ahli Hospital. Israel obviously bombed the hospital, they said they bombed the hospital, but then they lied about it because they could. So then people spend weeks debating this nonsense while Israel bombs even more hospitals and cuts off fuel to the entire population, killing everybody on dialysis and every baby in an incubator. What a waste of time and waste of words.

This is the same thing our uncle's killers did, except much worse. With our uncle, they made us spend 11 months dismantling the obviously absurd idea that he killed himself. I was talking to a friend from America who said the cops did the same thing to her uncle. They said

he just decided to kill himself, while they were chasing him. It's no coincidence. It's calculated. This is how the powerful do it. Remember, they kill you twice, and the media is their constant accomplice in the cover-up.

Now consider the Palestinians, where this injustice is happening every day, to thousands of people. We mourn our uncle so deeply, now imagine that mourning 10,000 times, across an entire population. Imagine entire families wiped out, imagine children crying alone on hospital floors, with no living relatives. Then imagine the hospitals running out of power, running out of medicine, running out of water, and being bombed. That's what's actually happening, and they broadcast it. They want you to watch. Again, this is how they communicate power. By brutalizing the powerless. And it's not enough to kill people. They must also show that they can murder truth.

My wife's uncle was killed last year and it still hurts. It hurts even more because they keep lying about it, they keep re-traumatizing the family and making us go over the details of his death, to 'prove' it. I think of this when I see Palestinian doctors holding the dead bodies of children, to 'prove' it. I think of this injustice happening a thousand times over, then happening again tomorrow. This is how the powerful kill. They don't just take your life, they take your death. But our family fought for *Dinesh Anna's* death. Just as people are fighting for the deaths of those Palestinians. For the deaths of those in the Congo, in Sudan, all those being killed and disappeared in colonial violence *right now*. And all those who died before, so thoroughly buried that Americans and Europeans walk around talking about 'human rights' and 'freedom' like they're not land-eating zombies, genociding the whole ecosystem. We have to fight for all of these deaths, because the killers are still killing.

It's a terrible thing to win, a death, but it means something. The verdict of homicide meant something to our family, as traumatic as it was. Calling genocide 'genocide' means something to the Palestinians. It means they can't massacre the truth anymore. It means they

can't keep dismembering the dead, if we remember them properly. So death to Israel, death to America, and same to this Sri Lankan government, for both its past genocide and current homicides. So life everlasting to the martyrs, in our hearts if nowhere else. They can kill you once, maybe they can kill you twice, but if the living keep fighting, they can't kill you forever, inshallah.

64.IT'S ALL ONE GENOCIDE. FROM PALESTINE TO THE PLANET

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Colonizers always kill plants and animals along with the people. Everybody with genes gets genocided, and *everything* without is denied spirit entirely. They even use the same word for the bodies and things they destroy. *Savage*. It's the same word they use to describe Palestinians today, as they kill them and raze their land. Palestine is the genocide of the planet, in a microcosm. The truth is it's all one genocide, and we are all Palestinian.

When Israeli colonizers talk about eliminating '*animal people*', it's the same as American colonizers attacking '*merciless savages*' in their Declaration of Independence. It's the same imperative. **Kill the native people and take their land.** The language they use is telling. Why do *animals* deserve to be treated badly? Why do plants (Israel calls its killing sprees 'mowing the grass')? Why does the 'savage' Earth? You can see how white supremacy and human supremacy are connected. It's all one continuum.

It's no coincidence that Israel completely ravages the soil of Gaza with two nuclear bombs worth of explosives (and counting). It's no coincidence that they uproot ancient olive trees wherever they 'settle'. Their ongoing genocide of Palestinians is a continuum, crushing both the native people and the natural world around them. This is not

unique to Israel, this is colonialism, but Israel is doing it right in front of us.

Now why do the old colonizers support Israel? Fake recognize fake, it's all part of the artificial growth that chokes the natural world. Israel is often referred to as an 'aircraft carrier', most recently by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. He said, "*Israel is almost like having an aircraft carrier in the Middle East. If Israel disappears, Russia, China, and BRICS+ countries will control 90% of the oil in the world and that would be cataclysmic for US national security.*" For the native this is a home, but for Americans this is *abase*, and Israelis are just the Sepoy guards. They get petty colonial privileges over the natives, but are ultimately just a colony of the greater White Empire.

Israel is the last actively genociding colony, however, which is becoming a bit of an embarrassment. The OGs (Original Genociders) are human rights experts now, their founding genocides are covered up and the money's long-since laundered. They're also climate change experts, and they don't like the whole 'blood for oil' thing being so obvious. It's not that that they mind genocide, mind you. It's the ultimate white privilege, a franchise they happily extend to Israel. They just don't like how it looks. The fact is that the Americans and Europeans all committed the same atrocities as Israel and worse—they all starved, concentration camped, and simply murdered populations. The difference is that they did it in the history books (which they wrote) while Israel is doing it live on Facebook and Al Jazeera (which they've lost control of). It's a bad look and the young, especially, are on to it.

Nobody believes the 'war on terror' shit after decades of destroying random countries (and losing). Nobody believes the beheaded babies lie when Israel is actually killing babies every 10 minutes (and also losing). Nobody believes the opposite of what they were told to believe about Ukraine. I'm using 'nobody' rhetorically, because, of course, a minority of deeply propagandized westerners *do* believe this shit, and repeat it. Mainly the olds. But globally and even within their own populations, these warmongers have lost the plot.

The propaganda doesn't work like it used to. The Empire has no clothes and everybody knows it. They still have arms though, which is the problem. They're flooding every war zone with arms, without even a fig leaf of diplomacy. It's just naked guns. Right now, having gotten bored destroying Ukraine, America is sending billions of dollars in 'lethal aid' to Israel. Israel, in turn, is hiding behind screens and dropping these bombs almost exclusively on civilians. I won't call Israel's cowardly bombing indiscriminate, on the contrary, they are *targeting* hospitals, bakeries, schools, journalist's families, and homes in general. As Benjamin Netanyahu said on October 8th, "*We will turn Gaza into an island of ruins*". They are cutting off food, water, fuel, and medicine to the entire population. It's not even a hard case for genocide because they're stating their intentions out loud, as former UN human rights official Craig Mokhiber said when he resigned in protest.

What Israel is doing to take Gaza is no different from America's Manifest Destiny (and what they did to manifest it), or what the European colonizers said and did to most of us. It's just the wrong century, which is why it sounds so incongruous. The point is what it always was under colonialism. **Killing people and taking their land.** The truth is not actually that complicated. But the lies they tell to cover it up are.

The cover-up is that this is all to eliminate Hamas, but by Israel's own estimate they've killed very few Hamas members, despite claiming that Hamas is under hospital, ambulance, and water tank. The cover-up is that they're saving hostages, but they've rejected an exchange (Israel holds thousands more) and have killed many of their own hostages (as they did in a cowardly rage on October 7th as well). The cover-up is that this is all self-defense, Israel, as an occupier, has no right to self-defense. Their very existence is an offense as colonizers, and armed resistance is justified and, in fact, called for.

People talk about Hamas popping out of the Metro in Paris, but that's a joke. These people just want to live on their land and return to their homes. But colonizers *do* pop out of nowhere and invade countries,

and coup governments, and besiege civilian populations, they do this on the regular. This is the *modus operandi* of the White Empire, just handed over from Britain to America, along with the military 'bases' (stolen homes). They do this in order to 'develop', which is short for stripping the land and labor and filling the earth, water, and air with pollution.

These people are collapsing the climate the same as they are collapsing hospitals in Gaza. Genocide is a continuum and the hierarchy of white supremacy doesn't stop at the Palestinian people. You can see it in the destruction of Palestinian land, and the toxic fumes and pollution from the world's #1 polluter, the US military and its proxies like Israel. The world won't be safe until this whole White Empire is destroyed, from Israel to its real masters in America. Unfortunately, this just means the world won't be safe, cause these guys have a lot of guns, bombs, and nukes, and they seem determined to go down shooting. The climate is already shot to hell, and we'll be lucky to escape nuclear winter.

I have digressed into the dastardly details, but let me return to the point in general. The destruction happening to Palestine is happening to the planet. It's the same people doing it or, more accurately, the same *beings* doing it. Europeans incarnated their greed as corporations, and it is those AI that are most proximately devouring the world, just as they did under colonialism from the beginning (VoC, 1602). While we die, arms dealers make a killing, and the United States at this point is just an arms dealership with a flag. And Israel is already selling rights to fossil fuel deposits of Gaza, which is why human rights don't matter in the Middle East in general.

You can see how it's all connected. This is all one evil, both historically and geologically. White supremacy and human supremacy not isolated problems. It's not a case of colonialism on the one hand, and climate collapse on the other. It's all one fist, punching through the people that defend the land, and the land itself. You can see the results in the devastated land of America, or ongoing colonization of

Palestine. It's the same thing. The same historical injustice is causing our great geological unbalancing.

This is why resistance is called for, and why the Palestinians are so brave. They are the real leaders of the free world, not the accursed Americans. They obviously didn't want this shit, but they're shoveling it, and more power to them. The fact is that we weren't safe under colonialism and we're still not safe because it never stopped. White supremacism and human supremacism are one continuum of evil, the separation of us from each other, from our animal kin, and from the land. It is, in the short run, the genocide of the Palestinians, but in the long run, it's the ecocide of us all.

65. THE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT OF PALESTINE

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Most people — even in the highly propagandized West — support at least a ceasefire in occupied Palestine. Even with a mass media constantly explaining why this is fine, most people do not like seeing children destroyed with industrial explosives. *But industry does.* And that's who actually rules. That's the rules-based order. Just follow the money.

One of the core experience of colonization, from the very beginning, is that we were colonized by *corporations*. The first IPO was for the Dutch East India Company (VoC). The corporations — European greed incarnate — were actually the first AI, as I argue. That was the birth of artificial, algorithmic life that devoured the human and natural world. As it was coded to do, from the very beginning. Corporations, as cybernetic organisms, contain human parts, like so many nuts and bolts. These mouthpieces said it was all about civilization and Christianity, but that was just marketing. It was strictly business. Always was.

Colonization was not a particular depravity of white people, though they are particularly depraved. It was a depravity of *white people with property* or, more accurately, *property with white people*. Capitalism possesses people like a brain worm, and makes brain-eating zombies of them all. As Marx said about capitalists, "*their own movement*

within society has for them the form of a movement made by things, and these things, far from being under their control, in fact control them.” Capitalists are assholes, but if you eliminate one, another takes their place. Capitalism a hydra that produces another butthead whenever you lop one off. Note that I use ‘capitalism’ and ‘colonialism’ interchangeably because they are.

The true depravity of whiteness has always been *white people with property*, or, as we discussed, *property with white people*. This is the brain and planet devouring AI that actually rules us. What we call the ‘rules-based order’ is its inscrutable algorithm. Of course you can’t see it. It’s a computer program, encoded in obtuse laws, numbers, and power relations. As they said in *Westworld*, “*the maze was not meant for you.*” And then they shot the humans. That’s how the business goes. As I said, corporations are European greed incarnate, with limited liability and unlimited destructive power. People didn’t (and don’t) notice when they’re destroying colored people, but now they’re incinerating the whole atmosphere. But by now it’s increasingly obvious, *nobody* is in control. *Something* else is at work.

This bifurcation between seeming human control and actual corporate control has long been there, hiding in plain sight. The American Revolution, though marketed as government ‘for the people’, only allowed property-holding white males to vote. A fraction of the population, and those people were merely placeholders for what actually ruled. Property. The artificial life that grows out of the natural world, like a chestbuster in *Alien*.

Property had (and has) the real power, and it just flows through white people, itself a fluid category. Now we have brown men and black women perpetrating genocide, ‘making their bones’ into the mafia. Money doesn’t actually give a fuck, the only color it sees is green (or blu, as the ‘rich slave’ Young Dolph said). The brain worm of capital happily extend the category of whiteness, to infect Italians, and Irish, and now upper caste Indians and African Americans. The point is not the specifics of the hierarchy but *that there is a hierarchy*. With property at the top, a gradient of human labor, and natural resources

at rock bottom. As long as you're willing to kick down the ladder, you can (theoretically if not practically) come up.

The real rulers of Capitalism are not racist, they're fucking robots. The real rulers are Capital (as it says on the tin, duh). We are roiled by our greed encoded in algorithms, given the founding command to grow at all costs. Capital is the *artificial* lifeform that emerged out of colonialism, to gestate inside our markets and societies, then pop out like a chestburster and kill us with its toxic emissions (among other predations).

Now what does any lifeform want, in the aggregate? To grow, to reproduce. Been that way since the first cell divided. Capital wants to grow, hence the economists' worship of infinite growth. Infinite growth on a finite planet is of course impossible, but that's the brain-worm that's eaten our brains. We have forgotten about the balance of the natural world and just think of artificial bank balances. This growth was cool (for some) for a while (commodities!) but the cybernetic parasite kills its host soon enough (climate collapse!) I can talk about general planetary collapse or hospitals falling on Palestinians, it's all one phenomenon. Let's talk about the Palestinians because it's happening in front of us.

What we see in the open genocide of Palestine is that, while the population of the world and even the imperial countries oppose it, it *still keeps going*. Why is this? Why won't someone do something? Well, we've got our pronouns wrong. *Something* is running the world, and they don't give a fuck about dead babies any more than most of us care about dead animal babies. Indeed, the Israeli's committing genocide openly refer to Palestinians as 'human animals'. As you can see, white supremacism and human supremacism are a continuum, with capital on top.

Israel is America's 'unsinkable aircraft carrier' in the Middle East, enabling them to keep reliable Sepoy troops in the region and keep it permanently destabilized. As Murtaza Hussein said, "*Describing another country as a literal weapon aimed at the rest of the region for purpose of exploiting their resources is not a framing that is going to endear*

it to many people there. U.S. politicians have been using this analogy for years by the way.” I don’t think it’s an analogy, Israel is a capital investment Empire made in a region central to its capitalist interests. Joe Biden himself called Israel *‘the best investment the United States could make’*.

The existence of Israel not only keeps from Palestine unifying, it shatters Arab unity as well. The comically corrupt leaders look like the gelded satraps they are, occupied by American troops and helping their own kind get butchered. It’s classic divide and conquer, a tactic the Americans inherited from the British, along with Palestine. Colonialism is really one continuous White Empire, as I’ve discussed.

Israel is Empire’s guaranteed parking space near the gas station, guaranteed to keep the whole region divided and easy to manipulate. Westerners don’t give a fuck about Jewish people. They pushed the boats back to Nazi Germany when they tried to escape. Israel is the incarnation of the idea that Jews should *leave* their actual homes, and the idea was something both Nazis and Zionists agreed on. The British and Americans picked up the idea because it A) gave them a foothold in the Middle East and B) guaranteed loyal Sepoy to fuck with the Arabs. As Rania Khalek says, *“Israel’s existence as a settler colony is actually the historically anti-Semitic west using Jews and Judaism as human shields for imperialism.”* The White Empire doesn’t give a fuck about Semite-on-Semite violence, no more than they care about Slav-on-Slav violence in Ukraine. Let them fight it out. Chaos is a ladder, especially when you’re an arms dealer.

Again, to understand the Empire, ignore the propaganda, which is just marketing. Look at the business, which is making money. The White Empire makes money from all this violence, most proximately, because it sells the bombs. American politicians openly boast about how war anywhere is good for their military industrial complex. Not that it’s especially good for workers, mind you, but it is good for the bloated and corrupt industry as a whole.

The truth is that ruling corporations don’t actually care about the place they’re in, and care even less about the place they’re bombing.

America loots its own treasury to fund endless wars and completely razes entire nations to the ground. This is terribly bad politics in the long run, but it's good business in the short run, and businesses don't have a holistic view on anything. They only think in quarters. And so the entire world gets drawn and quartered.

The mechanics are complicated, but the mechanism is simple. It's basically how Tony Soprano described the mafia. He said, "*this thing is a pyramid, since time immemorial. Shit runs downhill, money goes up. It's that simple.*" Soprano was a sage and I won't add much except to say that it's a pyramid *scheme*. We're now drowning in shit and the brown and black people dumb enough to try becoming white are left holding the bag for what is obviously a fraud.

Today we're watching a dying empire which has nothing but death to offer. Its last (inshallah) colony is too cowardly to face Palestinian militants in the field and instead bombs homes and hospital from behind screens, ie capital machinery. The capital of Capital, America can't build infrastructure anymore, just bomb it to smithereens. Thus, as it was the site for a 'Christian' crusade then, Jerusalem is at the center of a Capitalist crusade now. These people never worshiped Jesus the Palestinian, they always worshiped the Roman coin that betrayed him. And out of their greed incarnate, they have made a world-devouring Golem. That is the love of money destroying Palestine today, and our planet soon enough. As the saying goes, the love of money is the root of all evil. And as you can see, this evil rules the world.

66. THE WEST IS SHOWING ITS WHOLE GENOCIDAL ASS

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The West—its media, its politicians, and far too many of its people—is now openly genocidal. We are witnessing an industrial, mass media, globalized pogrom. The genocide of Gaza.

Israel has openly called Palestinians ‘animals’ and is bombing a civilian population — half of them children — with heavy munitions and burning white phosphorus. The US President has spread known lies about beheading babies, a classic pretext for inciting a pogrom. When a cease-fire was even brought up, the White House press secretary said “*We believe they’re wrong. We believe they’re repugnant.*” In places like France and Germany, protests are criminalized and even the Palestinian flag is banned. The whole, preening, moralizing western world has just gone completely genocidal.

Right now, we are now witnessing massive ethnic cleansing as Israel orders 1.1 million Palestinians to move while they level the north of Gaza. There is actually no exit from Gaza, it is an open air prison. Israel shoots anyone who tries to get out on their side and has bombed the exit to Egypt. America has pulled up an aircraft carrier to prevent any relief from sea. This is absolute genocide, murder, and war crimes upon war crimes. As Arnard Bertrand says, “*The absence of any public opposition to this by Western governments means morality, human rights, basic humanity has completely collapsed in the West, every-*

thing they claim “their values” stand for.” As Pawel Wargan says, “Every single Western leader has financed, armed, covered for, or egged on the perpetrators of this massacre. A lifetime of shame is too lenient a punishment. The whole edifice of their fraudulent world needs to be torn down.”

In this depraved context, Hamas are by far the reasonable ones. Just listen to their press conference for yourself. Westerners are told to hate Hamas despite having no clue about them. It works because they have been coded to hate Muslims for generations now, they just change the acronym every few years. It's the same 'white man's burden' and the same savages that need to be executed. Hamas speaks about having the right to armed resistance and Israel conducting a genocide. All of which is true. Listen to their press conference yourself (it's in English). They sound much more reasonable than western leaders, who are openly baying for blood.

Keir Starmer, Labour leader in the UK, seems to think that denying food and water to a civilian population is within 'international law'. Republican Nikki Haley has told Israel to 'finish them', Lindsey Graham has said 'level the place', and Marco Rubio said 'they have to be eradicated.' Even liberals uncomfortable with open genocide still qualify their statements with how bad Hamas (ie, the resistance) is, calling for a return to the slowly genocidal status quo, ie the thole thing not bothering them.

All of the talk of human rights, of freedom, of democracy, it's all just weapons in the hands of these genocidal people. They've been using the idea of Muslim rights to attack China for years, but one *wishes* for something like China's Uyghur policy in Israel. China had a terrorism problem and, rather than bombing and torturing people, put a lot of people in re-education camps and pumped economic development into Xinjiang province. Westerners have complained bitterly about this, but what is their solution? Sanction people into poverty, have them live under stateless apartheid, and then finally starve and bomb them to death when they finally explode? What absolute ghouls, masquerading as moral authorities. Human rights is just another weapon for them, to beat their many enemies over the head with.

We should have known that these colonizers who came up on genocide and theft never actually changed. They simply replaced talk of 'civilizing' us with talk of 'human rights'. Whatever the words, it was always a pretext to take our land and murder us. All of their fine words go out the window for a good old Muslim pogrom, which they do at least once a decade now. America and Europe came up by genociding and stealing, and Israel is their colonial outpost. Of course they back their open genocide of the Palestinians now. This is what the White Empire was founded on. This is what it does. This is who they are. As Sony Thang said:

If I were to chronicle every city, every village, every innocent life scarred by the relentless American bombardment since WWII, pages would run out before their conscience does. From Hiroshima's ashes to Korea's burning towns, Vietnam's napalmed children, Laos and Cambodia's secret scars, the shattered remnants of Yugoslavia, the blood-soaked sands of Iraq, Afghanistan's mournful mountains, Libya's toppled streets, to Syria's gasping wounds, and beyond. How many more must suffer before the world says 'enough'?

Westerners talk about the post-war era, but it's been endless war for us in the South, including the open wound of the Israeli occupation. They only call it war if white people are dying, and if a few white people die, there must be absolute rivers of our blood in return. Westerners showed half their ass in the Ukraine War, where they were suddenly repulsed by invasions, after invading random countries for decades. As Daniel Hannan wrote in the Telegraph, about Ukrainians: *"They seem so like us. That is what makes it so shocking. Ukraine is a European country. Its people watch Netflix and have Instagram accounts, vote in free elections and read uncensored newspapers. War is no longer something visited upon impoverished and remote populations."*

Note the genocidal passive voice. War is something '*visited upon impoverished and remote populations*', as if western bombs and warships are not actively seeking them out. As if the West has no choice in the matter. This genocidal passive voice is pervasive because they do not view us as human. The BBC says Israeli's were 'killed' while Pales-

tinians just 'die'. If they mention the deaths at all. As Yanis Varoufakis said, "*When Palestinian fighters commit war crimes, the West/Press loses no time to speak of "acts of pure evil". When the Israeli military commit war crimes, the West/Press describes them as "inevitable", as Acts of God—like a Volcano erupting as is its wont, as its nature dictates.*"

What's missing from even Yanis's take is that there is simply no comparison between those resisting an occupation and those doing it. Palestinians have tried every route for their rights and find themselves in a concentration camp for their troubles. They have the right to armed resistance and even Hamas has been *far more restrained* than the Israeli Army, which openly calls Palestinians animals and murders entire families, men, women, and children. An Israel Parliamentarian openly said "*Right now, one goal: Nakba! A Nakba that will overshadow the Nakba of '48.*" What was the Nakba of '48? The original ethnic cleansing of the native Palestine. They want to finish the job. A final solution.

What we are witnessing is a globalized pogrom. I know because I've sadly seen it in my own country. It starts with lies, the most lurid and false the better. With Israel and the West, every lie they tell to justify their violence *is what they actually do*. The West lied about Iraq pulling babies out of incubators, and now Israel has cut off electricity to the entire Gaza, killing every child requiring one. They spread lies about babies being ripped out of wombs, something Israeli soldiers actually did in the Sabra and Shatila massacre. Jamie Lee Curtis posted a picture of 'Israeli' children hiding from bombs, and took it down when it turned out to be Palestinians.

I have seen these lies before in my own country (Sri Lanka) which has had far too much racial violence. Pogroms are always started by hate speech like this, but I've never seen it at this scale, even after 9/11. There is just an absolute orgy of hate speech across western politicians and media and even the mention of cease-fire is called repugnant. The West has always been *slowly* and *structurally* genocidal and evil, but now it's happening fast and in the open. They are openly arming, cheering, and calling for genocide and this vicious, global-

ized, pogrom is happening right in front of us. The West is showing its whole genocidal ass right now. If we ever take them seriously after this, the fools are us. This 'rules-based order' is just the rule of violence and hypocrisy over all. We need to break the rules, and tear this wicked White Empire down. It's not just the death of the Palestinians. It's the death of the planet, it's the death of us all.

67. WESTERN MORAL AUTHORITY IS DEAD AND BURIED IN PALESTINE

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In truth, western moral authority never existed. It was just immoral **authoritarianism** the whole time. They told us they were civilizing us while treating us like animals, and treating our animal kin even worse. For centuries the most historically violent, genocidal, racist, and corrupt countries on Earth saw fit to lecture everybody else on morality, backing it up with occupation, guns, and starvation. Today the same people *still* see fit to lecture us, backing it up with coups, bombs, and sanctions (same things, new words).

Did this unchanging White Empire ever change its ways? Did they ever stop pillaging people and the planet? Lol no. They just changed the marketing on colonialism and did it again, way past its sell-by date. 'Civilizing' became 'development', 'dominion' became 'debt', 'Christendom' became 'democracy', and 'Rule Britannia' became 'the rules-based order'. The same colonial ghouls kept doing what they were always doing, which was colonizing. As my historical thesis goes, same shit, different day.

I call this **authoritarianism** because this perverse morality has always been violently imposed. The logic has always been '*what's mine is mine, and what's yours is mine, and aren't you lucky to be crushed under such a nice boot?*' This behavior is, in fact, immoral and could not persist without rampant, wall-to-wall propaganda about how nice

the boots are, and how vile the vermin underneath. And so it continues to this day. The western world and those that suffer under it are absolutely blanketed with (privatized) propaganda about how great and moral they are and how the world would be so dangerous and unstable without them. Yet they are the danger and the instability! They are the ones who knock! If they simply fucked off, the world would be in much better shape. They assume they have some moral authority, but it's just another whip to a slave.

To be honest, I believed in western moral authority long after it was gone (indeed, it never existed at all). I grew up in the heart of America and I remember getting emotional at the Thomas Jefferson memorial and clipping out bombers in the first Iraq War, like it was a game. I was, in my defense, a teenager. I also lit shit on fire and shoplifted for kicks. We have to grow up some day.

For many people that growing up came after 9/11, when America responded to global support with collective punishment of the Muslim world. Obviously too late to *not* bomb Afghanistan, but they felt bad about it later. To even more people, some growing came with the second Iraq War, there were huge protests at that completely random destruction of a country. Unfortunately, what people think is not relevant to moral *authoritarianism*. Sadly the fire starters and shoplifters that never grew up are in charge of imperial foreign policy and they've only fail upwards. The *same* media and political caste that incited all of those wars (and more) are still here, and they're even more openly genocidal now.

Today the latest party line, after wrecking and forgetting about Ukraine in their 'good intentions', is that any part of the Empire which is attacked can respond back with genocidal violence, suspending all rules of war and human decency. This is the 'rules-based order,' there's no rules if you dare fuck with it at all. This order is really just, as Orwell said, a boot stomping on a human face forever, from the Native Americans to the actual Indians to the Palestinians now. The shine on the boot is that this is all somehow moral,

defending babies or stopping terrorism or something. Now they don't even bother with coherent excuses much, they just stomp.

Right now, in reaction to Hamas daring to break out of the Gaza Strip and hit some Israeli military targets (with civilian damage), Israel is deciding to just indiscriminately bomb every civilian in the Gaza Strip, a concentration camp that they have sealed or bombed the exits too. You would think that the open starvation, water-deprivation, and bombing of a concentration camp would be the final wake-up call, but no, moral authoritarianism dies hard. Despite the decline of manufacturing in the West, consent can still be manufactured.

And to that end, the western press and politicians are united in supporting the openly genocidal Israeli government in committing genocide. They're using the same propaganda trope of 'good guys vs. terrorists', but in this case, something looks obviously off. The good guys are dropping phosphorous bombs on homes while the 'terrorists' are much more proportional. The Israelis and the western media tried to make up stuff about killing babies and rape (the classic excuse for murdering 'savages'), but those have proved to be lies, and people can simply see the true destruction caused by western arms. The propaganda is starting to wear off, at least in the South.

What we can see is the naked hypocrisy of western morality. The Empire has no clothes, and he's flashing us, nonconsensually I must add. A population of over 2 million, half of them children, is being held within a concentration camp (the exits closed or bombed) and deprived of food and water. More bombs have been dropped on a small city than were dropped on Afghanistan in a year. White phosphorus bombs have been dropped on them, burning flesh to the bone wherever it touches. School, hospitals, refugee camps, and food supplies have been bombed. People have been told to flee on 'safe' roads and then those roads have been bombed. Medics and ambulances have been bombed. First responders are bombed, leading savable people to die agonizingly in the rubble. Entire families are wiped out. It's a textbook genocide, unless you watch western media.

Watch, for example, this catastrophically candid interview with the Israeli Ambassador to the UK. As [Gathara](#) described the exchange, *“Just listen to this justification for genocide. Boils down to “you guys did it so we are entitled to do it”. And look at how she grabs at trigger words — babies, Nazis, ISIS — to avoid the issue and to justify mass murder.”* To judge for yourself, the Ambassador said:

And I’m going back to the world coalition fighting Isis. So Mosul was a place where 100,000 civilians were killed [not quite]. I don’t want to go back to your history by targeting German cities. Dresden was a symbol of that because you knew that this is the only way to beat the Nazis and make them surrender. This is the reality that Israel is facing cruel, cruel, barbaric terror organization. This is Al Qaeda. This is ISIS. This is similar to the Western Coalition in the last few years, the world is a better place without ISIS. The world would be a much better place without Hamas.

It sounds cruel and deranged, but the Ambassador is right. The western method — including in World War II — was to bomb civilian populations. Unlike the USSR — which destroyed the German Army directly — the western allies relied heavily on bombing civilian populations, even dropping atomic bombs on two cities in Japan. Israel is simply asking for this right, to bomb people and take their land. This is how its western allies were founded and enriched, what don’t they understand? And, of course, they do understand. The West does extend this colonial right to Israel, which includes the right to call your victims savages (and maybe give them a land acknowledgment 200 years later).

Given carte blanche from the West, the language coming from Israel now is openly genocidal. Israeli’s Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said *“Gaza won’t return to what it was before. We will eliminate everything... I have ordered a complete siege on Gaza. No electricity, no food, no fuel, no water. Everything is closed. We are fighting human animals, and we act accordingly.”* Israeli President Isaac Herzog said *“It is an entire nation out there that is responsible. There are no civilians in Gaza.”* And these are the polite calls for genocide. The level of genocidal

language from Israel is off the charts, and this is what western governments and their propaganda outlets are supporting.

Thus you have the British state media (the BBC) asking important questions like *'Does Hamas build tunnels under hospitals and schools?'* What a nice pretext for bombing hospital and schools. Western media outlets routinely say Israelis were 'killed' while Palestinians 'died' and even when their own journalists are murdered they say it was because 'rockets fired from the direction of Israel'. They torture language as much as the mangled bodies underneath their bombs. The western media provides air cover through propaganda as much as their warplanes dropping ordnance. They are ginning up genocide as much as Radio Rwanda.

In America, the US President got on TV and repeated outright lies about beheaded babies and rape, blood libel to justify an ongoing pogrom which has now claimed the life of a Palestinian child in America itself. Western governments are banning or smearing protests as 'supporting Hamas', as if that's A) what people are doing and B) worse than supporting the actively genocidal government of Israel.

They're trying to market a genocide as somehow moral because *terrorism*, but we've been told that a dozen times before a dozen other outrages *from* the Western core. After over a million dead and tens of millions displaced in America's Terror Wars, people know who the real terror is. After the 'well-meaning' destruction of Libya, Syria, and Yemen, the White Empire has no more faith and credit left. After their doublespeak about how bad Russia is in Ukraine (having killed less children total than Israel in a day), no one takes these hobgoblins seriously anymore. This wretched White Empire was always lying while people were dying. They've always been killing and stealing land slowly, and in Palestine they're suddenly doing it all at once. Israel is calling for a million people to be ethnically cleansed by moving south (while bombing the 'safe roads') and the West calls this humanitarianism. There's no morality here, and even their moral authoritarianism is losing its grip. People can see genocide in

front of their eyes, and there isn't enough wool to cover up all the blood.

The last vestige of western moral authority is being buried in Palestine, along with the bodies of thousands of Palestinian men, women, and children who deserved so much more. These are just the most recent martyrs to colonialism, and it's happening on our watch. How many more souls have to die before we learn to stop believing what colonizers say, and simply look at what they do? Simply look at Palestine, right now. Imagine that thirst in your own children, imagine the bombs dropping day and night, and imagine being hemmed into that place by a hostile military, while an American aircraft carrier blocks any relief by sea. Is the genocidal party really that hard to see? Is it not the same people who have been doing this same thing, for four hundred years of bloody history? Why would anyone believe these colonial ghouls again? They never reformed. They just reloaded and now they're unloading in our faces.

The fact is that western moral authority *never* existed, it was immoral authoritarianism the whole time. Now we can see it plain. And so the last vestige of western moral authority is buried in Palestine, in a mass-mediated grave.

68. THE HIERARCHY OF VIOLENCE

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Somehow, beheading 40 babies is considered a moral atrocity, while bombing 5,000+ is OK. This is especially galling because the '40 beheaded babies' story is a lie while 5,000+ Palestinian babies are actually dying. More are slowly dying under the rubble *right now*, and even more fated to die because Israel has systematically destroyed hospitals. That's an abomination I must point out, but it's not my point. My point is the *hierarchy* of it all. This atrocity goes all the way to the top.

The Pyramid

Imagine a pyramid, with bare hands at the bottom, blades above that, then bullets, then bombs, then an entire military-industrial complex at the top. We are, perversely, the most disgusted at the most petty violence at the bottom, while professional, industrialized violence from the top gets parades and ribbons. The words even change as you scale the pyramid of pulverization. If I kill someone with my bare hands it's *homicide* but if I kill 10,000 people by government diktat it's nothing. Why is that? Well, as always, the relevant question is *who*.

Imagine that we're not alone in this world, because it's true. Imagine that *many* different levels of self exist, some of them encoded legally

as corporations and government and so on. Imagine that these collective selves, encoded by law and silicon, are in fact cybernetic beings, AI with human parts. Then the *why* starts to make sense. It's really about *who* gets to commit violence, not violence in general. There is a pyramid of violence, with the living at the bottom and the artificial at the very top.

The rule is that corporations and governments can kill but humans should not. The logic is that it's not homicide if there's no 'one' doing it, though this makes no difference to the person being killed at all. Human law says that if the killing is by an artificial being, then no 'one' is responsible at all. The soldiers and bureaucrats and lawyers doing the killing are just cogs in a cybernetic machine. The man pulling the trigger is himself a trigger pulled by someone else, pulled by someone else; on and on into a complete diffusion of responsibility. This is the real nature of AI, and it's been with us for centuries. It ruled under colonization and continues under capitalism even worse than before. What we call 'rule of law' is really the tyranny of the artificial. It's the dominance of 'private property' over people, planet, and all.

Leo Tolstoy said, "*Laws are rules made by people who govern by means of organised violence.*" This shocked me when I first read this, but it's true. I used to believe that laws were good and we just need better ones, but now I think they're fucked on a fundamental level. Just look at how they encode the hierarchy of violence. There's a huge loophole that corporations and governments use to commit absolute mass murder, while locking up individuals for life for killing one soul.

That loophole is that a murder must have two sentient parties, one that is killed, and one with the intent to kill. The law considers corporations and government non-sentient, so they cannot have intent. Therefore, they cannot commit homicide. But the people are still dead! Even worse, other animals and lifeforms are not considered people, so the planet is also dead! You can see the catastrophe that bad philosophy encoded in law has led to.

The worst part is that the law is selective. Corporations and government institutions are considered ‘legal persons’ for everything they want to do (buying property, influencing elections, consuming resources) but they have ‘limited liability’ for everything else. They have all the privileges they want, with none of the responsibility. The artificial beings Europeans encoded in law are literally above the law. Corporations have ‘limited liability’ by design. Government institutions are expected to govern themselves, and are openly bought by corporations.

In this way, we are *already* ruled by malevolent AI, and they’re already killing us with impunity. That’s the difference between good and bad violence. ‘Good’ violence doesn’t have *anybody* doing it. It’s done by *many* bodies, the cybernetic brutes we call governments and corporations. They make their own violence disappear, while brutalizing and disappearing anyone that messes with them.

Culture Clash

The problem is that the law recognizes corporations and institutions as ‘legal persons’ while human culture doesn’t. We don’t know what’s happening because we keep asking ‘why’ instead of ‘who’. We miss the artificial tyranny that presides over us, and end up fighting over dumb shit. In terms of cultural perception of AI, we’re still waiting for embodied robots we can fuck, while incorporated robots are fucking us right now.

Our laws have recognized these unrecognizable ‘legal persons’ for centuries, and placed them above us. They have diffused their violence into nothing, while making us look like monsters if we pick up a pitchfork. What do you think colonialism was? Colonialism was mass *corporate* violence against people and planet, with natives portrayed as ‘savages’ or ‘violent’ when they resisted. The same thing happening to Palestine now, because it never stopped.

Take, as another example, factory farming, which is just industrialized slaughter of our direct relatives (animals are ‘us’ too). My father-

in-law used to bring a goat home, slaughter it himself, and make biriyani. Everyone thought this was gross and inhumane and scolded him. He was at the bottom of the violence pyramid, doing things with his bare hands and a blade. How unsavory.

What everyone preferred was meat from the top of the pyramid, killed by no one's hand in particular, but on a corporate assembly line where responsibility was diffused. But is that not more cruel? Those animals are still getting killed, and at a greater scale and cruelty than before. Everyone participates in this violence without guilt, except for the animals, for whom it is actually *worse*. In western philosophy of mind, those creatures don't have minds, and the companies killing them don't have minds, so it's like no one killed or died at all. But they did! They do! This philosophy is just wrong and climate collapse is only the most final proof.

All of these catastrophic category errors come from building a philosophy around the individual human self, and not 'minding' natural and artificial life at all. So natural life is simply consumed, while artificial life is *encoded into law* with the imperative *to* consume. This system is *designed* to destroy the natural world, because it values only the artificial. Europeans called all other wisdom 'not philosophy', leaving us with an idiotic theory of mind that has no sense of where we come from or where we're going. This predictably ends in ruin. As Sublime told me,

*Early man walked away
As modern man took control
Their minds weren't [were?] all the same
To conquer was their goal
So, he built his great empire
And he slaughtered his own kind
He died a confused man
Killed himself with his own mind*

Killing Ourselves With Selves

The real theory of self is that there are many selves. Or none, because it's all illusion. None and infinity are the same thing, if you look close enough. By rigidly believing in one individual self, however, western thought misses both selfhood of both natural and artificial lifeforms. And thus misses the plot entirely. This central delusion is reflected in our hierarchy of violence, which glorifies the violence of power, while condemning the violence of the powerless. We've got it ass-backwards, which is why the world is going down the shitter.

So understand where we are. Today we live in a world of higher and lesser selves, designated by their power to kill the lesser. This is the hierarchy of violence, hidden in silence. As the sage of Newark, Tony Soprano said, *"this thing is a pyramid, from time immemorial. Shit runs downhill, money goes up. It's that simple."* That sucking sound we call growth is merely this mobster logic applied to a planet. Waste chokes the ecosystem, while the stock market goes up.

We think we control these things because we can become lawyers, or bureaucrats, or politicians, or soldiers and generals and cops. But this is simply the power to become a cog in a machine. To become a trigger on a gun, pointed at your own relations. Individual humans can get the power to kill, yes, but only as the part of a greater power structure, which is always, always kicking down. That structure appears to have humans (usually white men) at the top, but in reality it's not a human system at all. It is the tyranny of the artificial, with corporations and 'higher' selves at the top. We are ruled by incarnations of our greed, and we accept this out of our own gullibility, for the bougie privileges that trickle down.

This is why revolution is called for, to invert the pyramid. And the revolution will be revolting, simply because of the way we are conditioned to look at violence. There will be blood, which liberals will act like they've never seen before. But they're covered in it! All of the people looking at rebellion in Palestine and saying *"I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action"*

are full of shit. All of the people piously saying '*I don't support violence*' are lying to themselves.

It doesn't matter if you, in your heart of hearts, 'don't support violence.' *Violence supports you*. Violence undergirds the private property you live on, the petrol in your tank, the passport in your pocket. You — I'm talking to the comfortable — partake in all the petty privileges of *collective* violence and simply want no responsibility for it. More than that, you want the sanctimony of condemning natives that fight back as brutes. But it's not true.

Violence is happening everywhere, and the worst offenders are the bloodless people in suits. These people will say they condemn violence on the ground, while dropping industrial violence from above. All while their 'inanimate' masters feed on the destruction, like bloodthirsty gods. It's not hypocrisy, it's hierarchy and that, precisely, is what must be overthrown. By non-violent action, sure, but when that doesn't work (which was decades ago), people, orcas, and the planet itself are going to get violent. Just remember that this is not some sudden, dangerous appearance of violence. It's simply the overturning of a violent hierarchy that damn well needs to be overturned.

69. THE ASYMMETRY OF VIOLENCE (PALESTINE VS. THE WHITE EMPIRE)

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Israel appeals to the made-up atrocities of October 7th to justify the real atrocities of October 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31; November, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24; and the 75 years before that. It's wildly asymmetrical, like carpet bombing a concentration camp because the inmates dared break out. Which is exactly what happened.

There's this strange logic that Israel has the right to self-defense (it doesn't) while Palestine doesn't (it does). To expand my parentheses, under international law Israel as an occupying power has no right to 'self-defense' against the people it is occupying. Meanwhile the Palestinians have every right to self-defense, including taking up arms. Unfortunately, international law itself is just a theoretical construct. We actually live under imperial rule most foul.

International What?

The (entirely theoretical) point of law is that it applies equally to everyone, which is obviously not what's going on internationally. The International Criminal Court only prosecutes Africans and the US

has a law on the books to invade the Hague if they're ever held accountable.

This is what America calls the 'rules-based order.' Can anyone see these rules? No, fuck off. As Arnaud Bertrand says (citing this paper), rules-based order is a term "*meaning a system outside of international law that essentially defends whatever the US judges is in its and its allies' interests at any moment in time.*" As the paper he cites (by John Dugard) goes on,

First, the United States is not a party to a number of important multilateral treaties that constitute an essential feature of international law... Second, the United States has placed interpretations on international law justifying the use of force and the violation of international humanitarian law that are controversial and contested... Third, the United States is unwilling to hold some states, such as Israel, accountable for violations of international law.

The rules-based order can be accurately summed up as '*we rule.*' This is not international law, it's Mafia law. America is the *capo di tutti capi*, some countries are 'made members,' and everyone else is just sheep to be shorn. Democrats and Republicans are just rival crime families within one (war) criminal enterprise. I've tried to explain this with words and metaphors, but why when a meme will do:



A Simpsons scene about ruining vacations, adapted to ruining the world

International law is thus shorn of all meaning, as the Middle East is shorn of bodies, the planet of resources, and don't even get me started on the sheep and all our living relatives. Note that I'm no stickler for laws. Leo Tolstoy said, "Laws are rules made by people who govern by means of organised violence," but we somehow have something even worse than that. We have the rules-based order, which is just violence with receipts. They make up the justification after the fact and just throw it on the pile of corpses, while they steal the oil or whatever they find underneath.

Merciless Savages

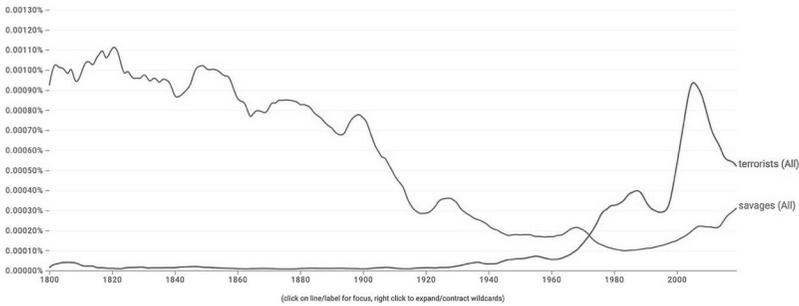
This abomination is not new, they just keep changing the words. America was founded on the principle of theft and genocide, and so it continued across the globe, fossil fueled. The only honest part of the US Declaration of Independence is the line, “*He [the British King] has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.*” Here, the founding oligarchs of America scold the colonizing king for not being colonial enough. That’s America in a nutshell.

What’s honest here is the openly genocidal intent of the whole endeavor, and the ‘white framing’ to blame the victims, saying they had it coming. With colonizers, every accusation is a confession. The colonizers always accused of us of being savages, to unleash untold savagery upon us. As Mackay and Feagin write in *“Merciless Indian Savages”: Deconstructing Anti-Indigenous Framing*:

Racialized colonization of the Americas began in the 1400s and persists in today’s racialized neocolonialism... **European colonialism necessarily included a subtler, subversive, emotional, and aggressively persisting element — the rationalizing white-framed language of racial domination and oppression.** Past and present colonization involves wars of conquest, bio-wars of disease spread, and constant application of a dramatic language-framing component wherein Indigenous peoples are dominated, marginalized, and redefined through intense and obsessive language of white colonizers and their descendants.

After America thoroughly genocided Turtle Island, the ruling oligarchs still needed more resources, especially oil, so new ‘savages’ had to be invented wherever it was found. Mackay and Feagin tracked the use of phrases like ‘merciless Indian savages’ across 200

years, but around the late 1970s, the term ‘terrorists’ takes over (my observation).



Google NGram, search of books from 1800 to 2019

What happened around the late 1970s? The 1970s Oil Crisis. This wasn't actually a crisis for the Arab world, it was an opportunity for them to control their oil. That rebellion had to be put down, mercilessly, so the merciless Muslim terrorist had to be invented to justify the violence required. As I wrote in What The 1970s Oil Shock Can Tell Us About Today:

Of the original five OPEC members (Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela), two are sanctioned, one has been invaded, and the others are occupied with American military bases. They get paid for their troubles, but they're still paid in imperial coin. Hell, the headquarters of OPEC is in Austria now. The Empire struck back hard.

Thus America was able to coup, corrupt, or just invade most places in the Middle East, but it still couldn't fundamentally trust them. The Arab satraps were still, fundamentally, natives, and one revolution away from being thrown out (a la Iran). Empire needed a loyal colony in the region, populated with many of its citizens, and fully dependent on the mothership. Luckily they already had such a colony ready, inherited from Britain. That colony was Israel.

As the then Senator for the credit card industry Joe Biden said, in 1986:

It is the best \$3 billion investment we make. Were there not an Israel, the United States of America would have to invent an Israel to protect her interest in the region. The United States would have to go out and invent an Israel.

As Biden said later (and many times):

Israel is the single greatest strength America has in the Middle East. I always say, imagine our circumstance in the world, were there no Israel. How many battleships would there be? How many troops would be stationed?

Israel is America's colony in the Middle East, an 'unsinkable aircraft carrier' kept there in a classic divide-and-conquer tactic, splitting the region. Israel serves as Empire's Sepoy guards near the gas station, ready to level anybody with (illegal) nukes without Empire having to get its hands dirty. Unlike the corrupted Arab satraps, Israel is also guaranteed to be loyal. Without American arms and diplomatic cover, they couldn't sustain the constant violence they require to exist. They are bound in blood. In order to sustain this constant violence, of course, new savages had to be invented, and so America did. Savages became terrorists, an epithet now applied to the entire Palestinian population — men, women, and children.

Hence the President of Israel says *"It is an entire nation who are responsible. This rhetoric about civilians supposedly not being involved is absolutely untrue. We will fight until we break their backs."* Or a Major General of the Israeli Occupation Force says, *"Animal humans will be treated accordingly."* Or as a former Major General wrote (via), *"The international community warns us of a humanitarian disaster in Gaza and of severe epidemics. We must not shy away from this, as difficult as that*

may be. After all, severe epidemics in the south of the Gaza Strip will bring victory closer and reduce casualties among IDF soldiers.”

This is the same genocidal incitement as in the American Declaration of Independence where they say “*merciless savages... whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.*” Now — as then — they *lie* about the resistance of indigenous populations in in order to *actually* commit an ‘*undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.*’ **Every accusation is a justification.** So they did across America, and so again it is done in Palestine. The mask is off and they’re even using the old words again. Palestinian resistance is openly called ‘savagery’ as in Canada’s National Post (which really has no place to talk).

Israel is able to just say the word ‘ Hamas ’ and western populations — coded by centuries of racism against ‘ savages ’ and decades against ‘ terrorists — immediately knows what to think. They’re Pavlovian dogs, salivating for blood. Do these audiences know anything about Hamas, or will they bother to find out? Who cares? Even though most western people don’t actually support this genocide, the place is an oligarchy, they just need a minority to create the semblance of debate in the Cable-TV Colosseum. Forget manufacturing consent, it’s enough to just manufacture doubt.

The words they introduce (terrorist, savages, dead babies) are all part of the language of indigenous oppression, which western audiences speak instinctively. Their nations were literally founded on it. As Mackay and Feagin write:

We term this the language of Indigenous oppression. It includes specific words, phrases, and linguistic metaphors wherein racist meanings behind a central metaphor are understood by speakers and listeners. Such expressions are more than just racist language, but crucial components of centuries-old white obsession with counterposing racialized and virtuous “white”-ness against the alleged dangers of racialized and unvirtuous “red”-ness and “black”-ness.

All I would add is that racialized brownness has been deeply encoded as something to hate in the Middle East, despite the obvious fact that whiteness (in the Ignaetiv sense) is the invasive problem there (quite literally). Westerners keep talking about ‘conflict in the Middle East’ as if it’s endemic to the region and it’s not. War is brought and kept there by the colonizing White Empire and its colony, Israel. Why? For the same reason they colonize anything. To take the stuff.

Not Hierarchy, Hypocrisy

Maitreya Bhakal said *‘it’s not hypocrisy, it’s hierarchy’*, and that explains a lot. When Israel supporters say the violence of October 7th justifies war, it seems hypocritical. If it’s war, why can’t the other side fight back? Given Israeli’s ongoing violence for decades, don’t they deserve much worse? It seems strange that self-defense is reserved for Israelis while Palestinians should shut up and die, until you understand what Bhakal was saying. *‘It’s not hypocrisy, it’s hierarchy.’* Violence is racialized, it’s something only indigenous people can be accused of, and which only colonizers can do. It’s heads I win, tails you lose. That’s the ‘rules-based order’. That’s the rule.

This is the asymmetry of atrocity we live under. We must believe lies about ‘40 beheaded babies’ while watching 6,000+ children actually be killed in front of us. Where The Guardian, talking about a hostage exchange, says *“The hostages to be freed are women and children, and the Palestinian prisoners are also women and people aged 18 and younger, both sides have confirmed.”* Israelis get to have children, while Palestinians have ‘people aged 18 and younger’. The BBC reports that Israelis are ‘killed’ while Palestinians just ‘die’. Even the UN condemns Israeli acts without ever naming the actor. That’s how deep the language of indigenous oppression goes. That’s how deep the racism is encoded. And this is precisely how colonial ultra-violence is conducted and excused. From the savages of yore to the terrorists of now. This is the world of asymmetrical violence we live in, which is just a mathematical way of saying it’s unfair and completely bullshit. This is what we

must completely turn over in revolution, by any means necessary, as the brave Palestinian resistance is showing us.

The Empire will never believe us and always accuse us, but every accusation is a confession. The White Empire is guilty of the worst violence in human history, and the mask is off now. They're killing children in Gaza, they killed millions during a pandemic, they've been killing millions for decades, not to mention stealing all of our stuff and destroying the whole planet. It's not just the state of Israel that has to go, it's the whole wretched White Empire, from the capital of America to its franchisees across Europe, Australia, and Canada.

These colonizers seemed unassailable for centuries, but they've been losing every war for decades, and the Al Aqsa Flood showed that they are fundamentally weak as a spider's web. Now is the time for resistance, as the Palestinians are showing us, by any means necessary, including armed. It is precisely the monopoly of imperial violence that needs to be overturned, and the monopolization of language that goes with it. And there's no way around it. There will be blood.

I have, of course, used a lot of words to get to this point, so let me conclude with the wise words of two young women from Lebanon who survived Israeli bombing and came to the streets of New York. When they were confronted by an American supporting Israel (the personification of Empire) they put it all of this together in one pithy response. *"Fuck Israel and fuck you too, bitch."* I couldn't say it better. Fuck Israel, and if you don't like it, fuck you too, bitch. It's been a long time coming, but Empire's time has come.

70.FROM THE FRYING PAN TO THE CEASEFIRE (AND BACK AGAIN)

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The Middle East won't know peace until the carbon crusaders are kicked out for good. Until the aircraft carrier called Israel is sunk and the satraps of Saudi and Egypt represent the people. Palestine is just the epicenter of the broader catastrophe that is American occupation overall. The same colonialism that just carried over from the British in an unbroken atrocity I call White Empire. Palestine won't be free until we all are (and vice versa). This is obviously going to take a while, and there will be blood.

The ceasefire that the brave mujahideen of Hamas won — on their own terms — is just a brief respite in the ongoing genocide of their people. From the ceasefire to the frying pan, it's still genocide, just at a different temperature. Hamas is committed to freeing *all* of the hostages and all of Palestine, which is what needs to be done. Decolonization cannot proceed by half-measures, it is a cancer that needs to be completely cut out. Otherwise the Israelis will keep 'mowing the lawn', as they call it when they regularly murder Palestinians, especially children.

Despite releasing hundreds of hostages, many of them children, Israel keeps kidnapping more. Even though Hamas treated its hostages well, Israel routinely sexually abuses, tortures, and murders the people it kidnapped. They recently beat a young captive to death

for simply asking if there was a ceasefire. As a Palestinian woman on Al Jazeera said, “*They receive their prisoners back unscathed and dignified, whereas ours return bearing broken limbs and evident marks of maltreatment and abuse. So, who exactly are the terrorists in this situation?*” Israel. The answer is Israel.

Despite the ostensible ceasefire, Israel is still killing every day, all across occupied Palestine and even into neighboring states like Lebanon and Syria. There is simply no living with this state, they are death incarnate. It’s not that Israel commits war crimes, Israel *is* a war crime. Israel cannot exist without constant violence, therefore it should not exist at all. Hamas needs to free *everyone* and also the whole country of Palestine which will, as mentioned, take a long time and more than a lot of blood. As Hamas leader abroad Khaled Mashal said:

Nations are not easily liberated. The Russians sacrificed 30 million people in World War II in order to liberate it from Hitler’s attack. The Vietnamese sacrificed 3,5 million people until they defeated the Americans. Afghanistan sacrificed millions of martyrs to defeat the USSR and then the US. The Algerian people sacrificed six million martyrs over 130 years. The Palestinian people are just like any other nation. No nation is liberated without sacrifices.

The task ahead of the liberation forces of Palestine and their allies in Lebanon, Yemen, and Iran is monumental. Israel would collapse in a week without external support, but it has that support, doesn’t it? All the old genociders are lined up behind the young blood Israel, which means support from America, its European vassals, and their satraps in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, UAE, etc. While the Empire is provable unable to win against actual militaries (Russia), they are still able to slaughter civilians *en masse*, which is what they’re doing in Palestine. As they did in Yemen, Afghanistan, and so on. The War on Terror

was a misnomer. It was the War of Terror. The Americans and Europeans are the ‘terrorists’, if you can just imagine that poor, colored people feel fear also.

Palestine is not in for a fair fight, because Empire follows no rules of war (the ‘rules-based order’ is precisely the denial of international law). Palestine is vastly outgunned against Israel, and Israel has America and the whole White Empire behind them. This is not a fight anyone would pick, but Palestinians were simply born into it. And this army of orphans are fighting with great bravery and notable success, somehow. As the Al-Qassam Brigade’s Abu Obeida said, “*We are fighting an unequal war, but it will be studied in the world and will be immortalized in history.*” Inshallah. I’m pretty sure God wills it (Empire is certainly falling) but do God act *now*? That’s the question.

For the rest of the world this is a largely academic question, but for Palestinians it is existential. Israel has a gun to their children’s heads, and is actively pulling the trigger. Again, Palestine didn’t choose war, it came to them, in an unending *Nakba* (catastrophe). The only difference between the slaughter of the past 50 days and the past 75 years has been the *pace* not the slaughter. That is default. Palestine’s choice is resist or die, whatever the odds. As Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar said: “*Does the world expect us to offer ourselves up as polite, willing and well-mannered sacrifices, who are murdered without raising a single objection? This is not possible. No, we have decided to defend our people with whatever strength we have been given.*”

At this point, it has become obvious that a ‘two-state solution’ is about as good a solution as ‘separate but equal’ within apartheid America. You can’t have nuclear armed Israel over here and a Bantustan’d (scattered) Palestine wherever they allow it. Israel regular bombs, kidnaps, and assassinates not just the native population but its neighbors. If accountability means anything, that counts them out. If anybody requires regime change in the Middle East, it’s the ethnostate of Israel, which actually has illegal WMD (nukes) and has threatened to use them. Israel cannot be lived with and, indeed, it cannot sustain itself without constant death. It

simply has to go. Israel has to be destroyed and replaced with a democratic Palestine, with equal rights for all. Two states with apartheid in one corner and periodic bombing of everyone else is not a solution, it's a lie to allow the fascist one-state of Israel to grow and fester. Israel can no more exist than Rhodesia or apartheid South Africa. That much is obvious now. What is less obvious is *how*.

Hamas and Hezbollah routinely rout the Israel Occupation Force (IOF) in open battle, but those cowards rarely stand and fight at all. Israel hides behind western bombs and stand-off weapons, attacking hospitals and children. As long as they have air and diplomatic cover from the Empire, they'll continue their genocidal destruction. While the liberation forces are methodically destroying the Israeli military and Yemen is blockading its shipping in the Red Sea, Israel is still able to kill tens of thousands (mostly children), and spread famine and disease (on purpose). Whatever battles the resistance is winning, it's not fast enough.

While the 'terrorists' methodically engage in battle, Israel is methodically conducting genocide. Israel is quite openly trying to kill everyone in Gaza, ethnically cleanse it, and then move onto the West Bank and even Lebanon. This is all openly stated by Israelis and openly done. The only comfort is that they can't — as Joe Biden's re-election slogan goes — 'finish the job'. But this is cold comfort to the innocents that die, lose limbs, starve, and live with grief and trauma that will never leave their bodies. The average age of people killed in Israeli's attack on Gaza is around *five*. That is nearly a million years of human life, just lost. Empire will collapse in our lifetimes, but far too many lives will be snuffed out first.

What this means is that the *historical conditions* for rebellion are finally catching up with the immediate imperative among Palestinians. The truth is that the White Empire has *already* fallen and future historians will date the collapse to September 11, 2001. Like Rome 'falling', however, it's almost imperceptible when you're in the middle of it. As Eleanor Janega writes about the 'fall' of Rome in 476, "*If you*

asked a Roman on the street what they thought about the fall, they probably wouldn't understand."

When I say the Empire has already fallen, just look. Today, the United States is already poorer than China (in purchasing power and basic quality of life, not to mention life expectancy). Their financial empire collapsed in 2008 and is literally a paper tiger made of printed money now. Their military has already been humiliated in Afghanistan and now, via proxy, in Ukraine, it's a paper tiger on fire. The two pillars of Empire have already fallen down. As Stephen Howe writes in his *Very Short Introduction to Empire* ([via me](#)), *"Empires always involve a mixture of direct and indirect rule. The central power has ultimate sovereignty, and exercises some direct control, especially over military force and money-raising powers, in all parts of its domain."* By these measures, America has *already* sanctioned and invaded its way into a corner and it — the last heir of White Empire — is already a dead Empire walking. It can still kill children but not men, and this fact is widely known now.

The United States which invaded the Middle East in 2001 is very different from the United States of today. At that point, people believed in their power and propaganda and they were able to do whatever they wanted. Now people don't, and they actually can't. Ukraine has shown that they can't win against peer militaries (Russia) and Afghanistan has shown that they can't win against impoverished insurgents. Iran is much stronger than Iraq was, and even Hezbollah would fuck them up. Drone and cheaper technology has evened the playing field for insurgents, and America can't even raise a proper army anymore. Its population is too obese, too mentally ill, on too many drugs, and simply unwilling. American can fight to the last Ukrainian, but they can't fight for themselves, and at some point they'll run out of proxy pawns. Which is all Israel is. Israel is a Sepoy army parked near the gas station, guaranteed to be loyal.

America openly calls Israel its 'unsinkable aircraft carrier' in the region, but that reputation has already been sunk. Any illusions about Israel intelligence drowned in the Al Aqsa Flood. Any illusion

around their military might was obliterated in Gaza, where they blew up a bunch of hospitals and completely missed Hamas. The whole world saw Israeli tanks getting lit up by men in track bottoms while the IOF killed child after child. This was not a military force. It was just a bunch of cowards. In the same way, Israeli propaganda and the western media that carried it were discredited by their obvious lying and genocidal incitement. Israeli lies were just stupid and the media contortions — after crying wolf about the much more honorable Russian Army— were obvious. Times have moved on and all these people looked both evil and stupid, which is the opposite of intimidating. Israel depended on deterring threats with its rep, but that rep is toast now. In that regard, Hamas has already won.

These historical processes, however, tell us nothing about what will transpire this bloody year, or the bloody years to come. Empire can still kill millions in a final paroxysm of violence and, indeed, it seems to be avidly pursuing this outcome. It's not just Palestine, the visibly dying President of a visibly dying Empire has provoked conflict with Russia, and is provoking China and Iran constantly. The chicken-hawk ghouls of the Democratic Party are doing everything they can to start World War III, and with Trump coming in, it could get started out of sheer idiocy. The US political system is all one war crime family and — no matter who their delusional voters anoint — there will be war. Americans often talk about electing the lesser evil, and that's correct. America is evil, full stop. It will fall at some point (all Empire do), but the question is when, and upon whom. Obviously the Palestinians first (not to mention the forgotten people in Congo, and Haiti, and Peru, and Pakistan, and even Sri Lanka). While history sucks to be in the middle of, it's even worse to be buried *under*, as so many of us are.

Palestinians are just a poor people, caught in the middle of this industrial death machine, trying to just get their land back. That's all. They're not trying to be special heroes, but that's what history has thrust upon them. Thus the orphans Israel made in past pogroms become the freedom fighters of now. They end up in the vanguard of the fight against White Empire not out of any special knowledge of

the imperial mind but of intimate knowledge of the imperial boot. For many reasons, including religious (the coming defilement of the Al Aqsa Mosque), Hamas has chosen this time for battle and they have been prepared. Israel and America are rushing in, in a blind rage, but this is both A) not a good look and B) not good looking out. The ‘barbarians’ bust out the gates of Gaza and they’re not stopping. I don’t know if they’ll win now, but Empire will lose eventually. That much is certain.

Israel has wasted over two Hiroshima’s worth of munitions killing mostly children and not degrading Hamas. America has wasted what was left of its reputation and propaganda powers. While a wounded animal is still dangerous, it still dies, eventually. This is America’s fate, inexorably, and thus Israel’s, eventually, and some day — though not soon enough — the whole wretched White Empire will fall. Just in time for the meek to inherit the ashes, as the climate collapses around us. It will be a Pyrrhic victory, literally, but it has still been Palestine’s dharma to light the spark, and ours to carry the flame until the whole wretched edifice burns.

For all colonized people, for all decent people, this is our *jihad*. *Jihad* not as a ‘scary’ Arabic word, but as a real word with real meaning. *Jihad* is what we call *aragalaya* in Sinhala, a righteous struggle. Jihad “*primarily refers to the human struggle to promote what is right and to prevent what is wrong,*” which is precisely what is happening in Palestine. Which is what should inspire us generally in the world. God knows they’re putting up enough martyrs. The least we can do is put up a fight. The world is going from the frying pan to the fire, and going back again is not a solution. Forget debating how we’re cooked, our children should not be devoured by Empire at all. This is something worth fighting for, and for the brave mujahideen actually doing it, *godspeed and mashallah*.

71. WHO'S THE TERRORISTS NOW?

DECEMBER 2023

Terrorism is a deeply racialized word which broadly means *othered* violence. The self has a state and has *reasons* for its violence, whereas the other is (usually) stateless and is completely *irrational*. State violence is a necessary evil, whereas stateless violence is just evil. Before you have a state — like the founding of Israel, or the American oligarch rebellion — you are ‘terrorists’ (*née savages*). Once you do have a state, then you have a self, you are no longer ‘other’. The blood washes clean from your hands and you can liberally point to others, doing the same shit you were just doing, except it’s bad now.

Whiteness

Terrorism is racialized because it maps onto the hierarchy of *whiteness*, the fluid racial order that colonialism used to map order onto the world, with corporations at the top, Europeans under them, and everyone else clambering up and kicking down for favor and resources. Animals and the natural world are, of course, at the bottom, because white supremacy is just a subsection of human supremacy over all. Terrorism is violence which flows the wrong way along the hierarchy. The problem is not violence *per se* but violence out of order. It’s not hypocrisy, it’s hierarchy, as the saying goes.

Hence the USA calls many groups terrorist, but never the KKK, which instead gets invited to the White House. Or Israel lies about their enemies beheading babies, while actually killing babies in incubators. There's no inconsistency here because the *hierarchy* is preserved. The feeling of 'terror' is reserved for 'white' people (and humans), and what native or natural beings feel simply doesn't register. Hence Israel refers to its periodic pogroms of Palestine as dealing with 'human animals' or 'mowing the lawn', just as America culled the 'merciless savages' and animals of Turtle Island.

Frightness

These are, of course, academic definitions of terrorism, whereas how it is experienced has a more specific meaning in modern times. While, politically, on an unconscious level, terrorism is racialized, on the personal, conscious level, terrorism is deeply emotionalized. Terrorism is perceived as *attacks on civilians*, usually gruesome ones that, most importantly, *could happen to you*. In fact, you're about as likely to die in a tornado, but it's the feeling (ie, terror) that counts. You can easily *imagine* yourself blowing up in a café or on a bus, and your (imaginary) selfhood is thus tied up in the (also imaginary) selfhood of the state. You are united, thus, against the other, in the imaginary selfhood you share.

Modern Times

Modern times, however, are a-changing. People can imagine themselves in all kinds of places, and 'other' people can project themselves in all directions. The contradiction of capitalist white supremacy is that it must keep including more people (human capital) to keep growing, so the definition of whiteness keeps expanding. Thus you get an Irish Catholic President (not 'white' this time last century), Indians running the UK, and Muslims all over the place. A whole range of people are dutifully climbing the ladder of whiteness, which now includes identifying with 'others' from a very young age. As the American yard signs read, *'In this house, X, Y, and Z are welcome, as long*

as it doesn't mess with my property values.' This is the central contradiction of late-stage capitalism, the yard sign by which it is measured and found lacking.

To take the most proximate example in Palestine, White Empire needs to keep the Middle East divided and conquered to control the oil. But they're not supposed to be doing genocide anymore, or even using oil! Whereas in the past the British Empire could just call itself an Empire and openly say they were taking shit and civilizing savages, you can't say that shit anymore. But America, the heirs to White Empire, still has to do it! This is a deep contradiction.

What Empire has been teaching their children doesn't match what they're still doing, and as Bobby D said, "*Your sons and your daughters are beyond your command*" Unfortunately, Empire's son's and daughters don't command shit, and Empire's gerontocracts don't give a damn, making the whole thing a carnival of impotence. The real battle is being joined by the orphan army of Hamas and the poorest countries in the Arab world, who are actually resisting, and being called 'terrorist' for their troubles. But the word doesn't stick anymore because, well, just look at the world.

Modern Terrorism

Indians are cowboys and cowboys are Indians. Cops are robbers and robbers are cops. The media is social, and the social is media. Soldiers are terrorists and terrorists are soldiers. The world is upside-down which is terrible for an Empire defined by a hierarchy. To take the soldier/terrorist example, nothing is as it's supposed to be. Hamas soldiers are attacking tanks, while Israeli tanks are attacking hospitals! There's no way to spin this, really. The world itself has gone topsy-turvy. Just compare Telegrams and see.

Comparing Telegrams

I increasingly follow Telegram for news, because all the people you're supposed to hate are on there. Like, for example, the Al Qassam

Brigades, the military wing of Hamas. Terrorists, of course, but are they? Look at what they're doing. Here is a random screenshot of their updates from 3 December 2023, auto-translated.

-  كتائب الشهيد عز الدين القسام
Al-Qassam Brigades target two Zionist tank and troop carrier north of the city of Khan Yunis with "Al-Yassin 105" missiles
9.3K 1.8K 802 286
-  كتائب الشهيد عز الدين القسام
Al-Qassam Brigades bombard "Ashkelon" with a missile barrage in response to the Zionist massacres against civilians
8.6K 1.6K 712 260
-  كتائب الشهيد عز الدين القسام
Al-Qassam Brigades bombard the occupied "Avshalom" with a missile barrage
8.6K 1.5K 724 279
-  كتائب الشهيد عز الدين القسام
The Qassam Mujahideen were able to detonate a minefield in a Zionist foot force consisting of 8 soldiers, and then those who remained alive were finished off from point zero northeast of the city of Khan Yunis.
9.9K 2K 817 325
-  كتائب الشهيد عز الدين القسام
Al-Qassam Brigades target a Zionist tank south of Beit Lahia with an "Al-Yassin 105" missile
9K 1.7K 804 310
-  كتائب الشهيد عز الدين القسام
The Qassam Mujahideen were able to blow up a booby-trapped tunnel with a Zionist foot force in the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood in Gaza City, causing certain casualties, and then targeting the rescue forces with mortar shells.
8.6K 1.7K 724 254
-  كتائب الشهيد عز الدين القسام
Al-Qassam Brigades target a Zionist tank penetrating east of Beit Lahia with an "Al-Yassin 105" missile
8K 1.5K 703 263

Qassam Brigades on Telegram (you need to be on desktop/web or sideloading the app)

Of these activities, we have five reports of attacking soldiers and military equipment, ie, what soldiers are supposed to do. Only two of the reports are about firing rockets at settlements, themselves on occupied land. But let's call that terrorism to be generous.

Now let's compare to Israel, which is, in contrast, all terrorism all the time. Israel doesn't have granular updates at all. They just include big updates, saying something insane like "10,000 airstrikes were carried out" and expect you to take their word that terrorists were hit, despite people having eyes and social media to see the actual civilian carnage.



Israel Defense Forces

IDF: The Cooperation Unit of the Israeli Air Force has conducted thousands of airstrikes on terror targets in the Gaza Strip and operated to rapidly complete missions

Since the beginning of the war, approximately 10,000 airstrikes were carried out under the guidance of IDF soldiers on the ground in short time frames. The soldiers quickly completed missions and thwarted terrorist cells, terrorist infrastructure, command centers, tunnel shafts, weapons depots and more.

Following Hamas' violation of the operational pause agreement, the fighting in the Gaza Strip has resumed, and the IDF soldiers are continuing the ground operation in full cooperation with aircraft of the IAF. The cooperation between the ground forces and the IAF is one of the most prominent elements in the IDF's ground operation in the Gaza Strip.

Today (Sunday), the Chief of the General Staff, LTG Herzi Halevi, conducted a situational assessment at the Ops Room of the IAF with commanders in the IAF.

Chief of the General Staff: "A very large part of our security in the ground operation is the cooperation of the soldiers with the Israeli Air Force".

Attached is footage from the situational assessment conducted by the Chief of the General Staff, LTG Herzi Halevi, at the IAF's Ops Room: <https://bit.ly/3GwGxS4>

Attached are photos from the situational assessment conducted by the Chief of the General Staff, LTG Herzi Halevi, at the IAF's Ops Room: <https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/anc0312202368451864512>

Attached is a sync of the Commanding Officer of the Israeli Air Force, Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar, at a conference of the Cooperation Unit: <https://bit.ly/3T4CQLb>

The IOF which I won't link cause they suck

The Israeli Occupation Forces use the *word* terrorism a lot, but the world has eyes and their victims have cameras. We have seen the targeted bombings of hospitals, mosques, refugee camps, and homes. We have seen tanks physically invading hospitals, forcing the doctors out at gunpoint, abducting them, and leave premature babies to die and decompose alone. We have seen the bombing of refugee camps with 2,000 kg American bombs. We have seen the targeting of journalists, food and water supplies, not to mention cutting off water, electricity, and fuel to an entire population. Israel's acts are *terrifying* and they have traumatized not just Palestinians but the entire world. If this isn't terrorism, what is?

Israel lies about every target being a 'terrorist' target, saying that Hamas was '*near or inside civilian buildings, such as schools, kindergartens, mosques, and playgrounds.*' Then they film themselves standing in front of toilets and baby bottles, claiming its terrorist infrastructure, and they look like idiots. Meanwhile the western media has been crying wolf about terrorism for two decades now, and can hardly back them up on this one. It doesn't work anymore, but Satan knows they're trying. You can see the excuses yourself.



Israel Defense Forces

IDF: **Over 800 tunnel shafts have been located and 500 of them destroyed since the beginning of the war: IDF soldiers continue operations to destroy Hamas' underground network of tunnels**

Since the beginning of ground operations in the Gaza Strip, IDF soldiers have located over 800 shafts to Hamas' underground tunnels. About 500 of the tunnel shafts have been destroyed using a variety of operational methods, including with explosives and blocks. Some of the tunnel shafts connected Hamas' strategic assets via the underground tunnel network. In addition, many miles of the tunnel routes have been destroyed.

The tunnel shafts were located in civilian areas, many of which were near or inside civilian buildings and structures, such as schools, kindergartens, mosques and playgrounds. IDF soldiers located large quantities of weapons inside some of the shafts. These findings are further proof of how Hamas deliberately uses the civilian population and infrastructure as a cover for its terrorist activity inside Gaza.

After locating the shafts, IDF troops carry out thorough investigations in order to understand the characteristics of the tunnels and then prepare the underground route for its destruction.

Attached is a video of IDF soldiers locating and destroying tunnel shafts: <https://bit.ly/3R9nz9n>

This thin gruel, however, is beggared by the Palestinian Resistance, posting videos of them running up on tanks and blowing them up with their bare hands. Of them releasing hostages with daps instead of broken bones. The 'terrorists' look like soldiers and the soldiers look like terrorists. While the Resistance updates are all about hitting military targets, the Israeli updates are about blowing up hospitals and homes. The IOF tried to post a Hamas-style video of battle footage and just filmed themselves shooting up desks in an empty school. They look like idiots.

Who's Bad?

So who's the terrorists now? Who always was? Once you get past the perception of *othered* violence and look at it objectively, it's the guys in masks saying *Allahu Akbar* that act like decent soldiers while the suit-and-ties on TV look like absolute ghouls. Meanwhile a world with social media can easily imagine themselves in the Palestinians, and can thus *feel* Empire's violence for what it is. Terrorism, acts on civilians which inspire terror in the population at large.

The Resistance, on the other hand, is methodically dismantling the military might of Empire with GoPros on; thus dismantling their mighty propaganda too. The 'terrorists' look like brave soldiers, while the ostensible soldiers look like absolute cowards and bullies, killing children more than anybody else. This was always true but A) the bad guys won and B) controlled perception. Now the doors of percep-

tion are overflowing with the blood of children and we can see White Empire as it is. Infinitely terrible.

So who's the terrorists now? Who always was? Don't follow the bullshit, which is bullshit. Follow the body count. Who's hitting civilians and making a big show of it, and who's hitting military targets and making every homemade mortar count? All of the bombs Israel, America, and the whole White Empire have dropped on millions of people are worse than the improvised bombings and stabbings people have responded with for the simple fact that they killed more people.

Calling one act 'terrorism' and the other business as usual is only possible because of a mass advertising campaign to comprehensively deny the feelings of people actually being bombed and manufacture the feelings of people that just see it on TV. You see it in Israel with the lies about October 7th — that children were beheaded, that people were raped, that civilians were targeted. None of this is true, but it doesn't matter, it's about evoking a feeling, it's about terrorizing people to get what you want, which is what the Empire was doing.

Allahu Akbar

Thus it ain't the people saying *Allahu Akbar* you should fear. God is great, especially compared to the godless carbon crusaders defiling their own holy land. America is the Great Satan, creating a Babel Tower of bombs and mass media that needs to be taken down, brick by brick, mortar by mortar. While imperial liberals call for an incremental approach, that simply doesn't work when children are dying every 10 minutes. Obviously you'd fight for your children. Their incrementalism looks demented now.

Jihad against this great evil is justified, and godspeed to the *mujahideen* fighting it. Jihad — far from being the scary Muslim word it's been marketed as — means a righteous struggle, and it's an act of self-discipline above all. Hamas certainly *has* attacked buses and cafés before, but they're much more disciplined now. Their attacks on

October 7th were more than proportional, and they and their allies are strategically lighting up military targets above all. The contrast couldn't be more striking. The terrorists are acting like soldiers and the soldiers like terrorists, except with industrial munitions and air forces. Israel and America are attacking ambulances and entire neighborhoods, while Hamas dismantles tanks with their bare hands and sheer bravery. So I'll ask it again, who's the terrorists now? One side is blowing up hospitals and the other tanks. Once you get past the racism, isn't it obvious?

72. A DYING EMPIRE HAS NOTHING TO OFFER BUT DEATH

OCTOBER 2023

Led by the visibly dying Joe Biden, the visibly dying American Empire is lashing out in every direction — a final paroxysm of violence, possibly nuclear in its dénouement. They see enemies everywhere (Russia! China! Iran!) not understanding that the common factor in all this violence is *them*. If there's an axis of evil, they're at the center of it. America doesn't resolve conflict anywhere, never has. Where's the money in that? America is the conflict. They are the ones who knock. As the unreconstructed war criminal Henry Kissinger said, 'America is dangerous to enemies, but fatal to friends'. America itself is an unreconstructed war crime, violent, rapacious, and genocidal till the bitter end.

In Palestine, America is backing, arming, and propagandizing the open genocide of the Palestinian people. Israel is quite openly talking about 'eliminating' Palestinian 'animals', none of whom are considered civilians, despite being half children. And America is flying in to openly back them. Israel has said they will follow no rules of war, and America has been quite clear that this is what the 'rules-based order' means. 'Rule' by a white supremacist 'order', with people like Palestinians at the very bottom, being crushed by a boot forever, as Orwell put it.

America used to at least play at diplomacy, but now even that fig leaf has dropped. It's just naked violence, immediately, without even waiting for appropriations. So the genocidal Israelis are dropping western bombs on defenceless civilian populations, while the western media conspires to blame the victims. Hospitals, churches, mosques, refugee camps, and UN facilities are bombed. It's just war crime upon war crime, blaming the victims when the outcry gets too big. The Israeli's are cutting off food, water, and medicine to an entire city, so that people die of hunger, thirst, and disease. It's a medieval siege in a mass media age.

They try to cover it up with unremitting propaganda about how the colonizers are the victims, but the world sees. It's the same old genocide from the same old White Empire, in its latest, most bloody-minded colony. The language used to demonize the Palestinians is that the same talk as the 'merciless savages' in the US Declaration of Independence, and used to justify brutal European hegemony. The South remembers, motherfuckers, and in the genocide of Gaza, we can see.

The Empire is simultaneously trying to sell a diametrically opposed logic in Ukraine, where Russia has killed less children in a year of fighting than Israel kills in a day. Ukrainians are somehow brave freedom fighters while Palestinians should shut and die. The global majority can see that the empire is not on the side of freedom anywhere, that it's all lies. In Ukraine, it's clear that the Empire has no clothes, because all it can do is funnel arms into a war zone with no boots on the ground. They have no skin in the game and instead are just letting Ukraine get skinned alive.

Americans are too fundamentally cowardly to pick on someone their own size, so they started a proxy war with Russia by coupling Ukraine's elected government and driving conflict there for decades. As John Mearsheimer said back then, "*The West is leading Ukraine down the primrose path and the end result is that Ukraine is going to get wrecked.*" Which is precisely what happened. America relentless

provoked and propagandized an ‘existential’ war, which they’re promptly dropping as they get back to their usual business model in the Middle East, dropping expensive bombs on poor people. Ukraine was quite willing to fight to the last Ukrainian to mildly degrade its enemy, and now Ukraine is being dropped like the Kurds, Afghanistan, South Vietnam, and so many like them. This is the ‘friendship’ of a dying Empire. It’s a suicide pact, and ‘you first’.

In addition to this, America is trying to start another war with China over Taiwan. Of course *America still recognizes Taiwan as part of China*, the bluster is all marketing for more munitions. Taiwan should know better what American ‘friendship’ means, it just means you’re next in line for human sacrifice, to the war gods Raytheon and Lockheed Martin. While China just gathered 130 countries to build infrastructure, America is relentless bombing it. America is still talking about a made-up genocide in Xinjiang, while gleefully supporting the real thing in occupied Palestine. This is all a dying empire built on violence and lies has to offer. A final orgy of ultra-violence and lies, a nucleus of hate, threatening to go nuclear and irradiate everybody.

In this way, the visibly aging and disoriented Joe Biden is the true picture of a dying and disoriented America. Biden was chickenhawk draft dodger who was still down to start wars anywhere his whole career. Avoiding military service (especially in Vietnam) used to be politically toxic for American leaders, but the chickenshit Empire has been openly led by chickenhawks since Bill Clinton. War has always meant other people dying for these cowards, and so it continues under Biden, until the devil claims him soon enough.

Biden is visibly aging and dying in office, mouthing mealy platitudes about America as the ‘*indispensable nation*’, quoting Madeline Albright who also said 500,000 dead Iraqi children was ‘worth it’. She’s waiting for him in hell, most certainly. Biden’s latest speech from the White House was just advertising for arms dealers. He referred to the ‘*arsenal of democracy*’ but WTF does that mean? It’s just

a bunch of asshole arms dealers, killing foreigners and depriving Americans a functioning country. Do any of the people bombed get a vote? Do American people vote to go to war? Does Congress even get formally asked anymore? Imperial Presidents just bomb whoever they want and ask for appropriations later. And they get them, because the whole system is corrupt. The Defense Secretary walked straight in from the Raytheon boardroom, and half the US Congress is on the Israeli payroll. Bribes are called 'donations' and conflicts of interest are called 'connections', but it's all just corruption with better branding.

The vaunted American military itself is a paper tiger, having lost every war for decades, while making a lot of money for absolute ghouls. The great expense of their military is really just a measure of great and total corruption, all literally unaccountable. The Pentagon has failed five audits. It's literally unauditable. They over-spend billions for complicated, often useless weapons systems and \$1,800 toilet seats (inflation adjusted). Meanwhile its debt-slave soldiers live off food stamps, struggle for healthcare, and kill themselves in depression and desperation. The late imperial war machine destroys other countries and loots its own treasury, all for the benefit of a corrupt oligarchy and the politicians, like Biden, that it corrupts. It's the military-industrial-complex Eisenhower warned about, except expanded to a corrupt media that gets the advertising rights to the carnage. These craven elites have long since figured out that there's more money in losing wars than winning them. You sell more bullets.

All of his talk about the 'idea of America' is just so much marketing, and at this point we know that the product he's selling is defective, deadly, and destructive in every possibly direction. Biden talked about "*innocent people all over the world who hope because of us. Who believe in a better life because of us,*" but WTF is he talking about? America just killed over a million innocent people in its terror wars, displaced over 37 million, and is now bombing entire families in Gaza, as well as offering the population of Ukraine to mildly degrade its enemy and make stock prices go up. Taiwan is just the next on the

chopping block. America has no allies, only interests, and it gets easily bored. All of the corrupt governments it has ‘supported’ get abandoned after their countries are destroyed and they just move onto the next one. The world is just a big arms fair to them, and it’s not fair to anyone at all.

Even Europe, America’s supposed ally, is offered up for sacrifice because fuck everyone. America bombed Germany’s Nordstream pipeline and the country is rapidly deindustrializing without affordable energy. Russia is now a bigger economy than Germany, and the Americans make a killing selling expensive natural gas while the German economy dies. America — through its vassal the UK — shut down a negotiated settlement with Russia — and Europeans suffer (not to mention all the Ukrainians that have needlessly died. While Ukrainians die on the real frontline, the European economy dies. To paraphrase Lord Fuckwad from the film *Shrek*, “*Some [of your economies] may die, but it’s a sacrifice I am willing to make.*”

This is all America has to offer at the end. An orgy of human sacrifice, a waste of precious lives and resources, and slander and blame in every direction, especially towards the formerly colonized. The open genocide of Gaza, fuel on the fire they started in Ukraine, sieges and sanctions against most of the world. The nations is visibly led by old, dying cowards and so it meets its own cowardly end, screaming about freedom, oppressing in every direction. Too cowardly to actually fight and end wars, but cravenly supplying arms to inflame them. Unable to build any infrastructure but only destroying it. Unable to sell a credible story because the reality is too gory and obvious.

This is all the dying Biden has to offer the dying Empire and the people and planet being killed. More wars on top of old wars, most of them tawdry reruns. People have seen these programs before, the genocide of Palestinians and Nazis fighting Russians. At this point it’s just old tragedies, repeating as farce. As Tupac said in 1993 “*They got money for wars but can’t feed the poor.*” He’s still tragically relevant, long after he’s gone. He continued, saying, “*And still I see no changes, can’t a*

brother get a little peace? It's war on the streets and the war in the Middle East." That was 30 years ago, and he was right. Still ain't nothing changed. These people are still deranged. A dying Empire has nothing to offer but death, to allies and enemies alike. They don't care about life at all. They just want to make a killing, all the way down.

PART X

THE END

73. ARE WE NEARING THE FINAL CRASH OF CAPITALISM?

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Capitalism crashes all the time. It's so regular it's called the business cycle. Everything else is just spin. As Jeremy Irons says in the movie Margin Call:

It's certainly no different today than its ever been. 1637, 1797, 1819, '37, '57, '84, 1901, '07, '29, 1937, 1974, 1987 — Jesus, didn't that fuck up me up good — '92, '97, 2000 and whatever we want to call this. It's all just the same thing over and over; we can't help ourselves. And you and I can't control it, or stop it, or even slow it. Or even ever-so-slightly alter it. We just react.

Capitalism somehow harnesses the cosmic cycle of creation, preservation, and destruction into a 'business cycle' that keeps going round and round, and spitting more and more money out. Capitalism should have died many times already, but it gets resurrected more than Jesus Christ. Unlike the risen Lord, however, it actually sticks around.

Trotsky

As Leon Trotsky said, “*there is no crisis which can be, by itself, fatal to capitalism.*” Via Hadas Thier:

Nevertheless, whatever the scale and fury of economic crises, none automatically translate to revolution or the end of capitalism. As Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky put it, “There is no crisis which can be, by itself, fatal to capitalism.” Rather, crises create objective conditions, which make struggle, and ultimately the overthrow of capitalism, possible. But this depends on the subjective element the confidence, organization, and politics of the working class. These are topics that lay outside the scope of this book, but the final word will be left here to Trotsky, who went on to explain:

The oscillations of the business cycle only create a situation in which it will be easier, or more difficult, for the proletariat to overthrow capitalism. The transition from a bourgeois society to a socialist society presupposes the activity of living men who are the makers of their own history... The crises of capitalism are not numbered, nor is it indicated in advance which one of these will be the “last.” But our entire epoch and, above all, the present crisis imperiously command the proletariat: “Seize power!” If, however, the party of the working class, in spite of favorable conditions, reveals itself incapable of leading the proletariat to the seizure of power, the life of society will continue necessarily upon capitalist foundations—until a new crisis, a new war, perhaps until the complete disintegration of European civilization.

Trotsky said “*the oscillations of the business cycle only create a situation in which it will be easier, or more difficult, for the proletariat to overthrow capitalism.*” And this did indeed happen, in the early 1900s period of collapse, violence, and revolution that shook the globe. And we’re in another such period now. But no conclusions are foregone.

What’s interesting is Trotsky’s last sentence, that (generally) “*the life of society will continue necessarily upon capitalist foundations—until a new*

crisis, a new war, perhaps until the complete disintegration of European civilization.” And that, I think, is where we are.

The truth is that European civilization did disintegrate last century, just not completely enough. As that genocidal racist Winston Churchill said, “*the New World, with all its power and might, [stepped] forth to the rescue and the liberation of the old.*” And so for another century the violence and exploitation continued from America, the new capital of Capital abroad.

But now even that bastion is coming apart. The Capitol of Capital has already been stormed once. It’s World Trade Center and Pentagon had already been struck. It’s a trifecta really. White Empire is just one big financial crash away from disintegrating once again and I don’t know where they retreat to this time. Australia?

And yet even this, even the complete disintegration of European civilization (as welcome as it would be), even this is not enough. As Irons said in *Margin Call*, “*there’s going to be a lot of money to be made coming out of this mess.*” As there always is.

The stock market goes back to colonialism in the 1600s, but let’s start from the 1870s because that’s what I can find. There’s a lot of crashes, but overall it’s ‘up and to the right’. So why would you ever stop this? Sure a bunch of proles might starve sometimes, but workers are a renewable resource. Sure the markets always crash, *but they always regain*. And so they remain.

Climate Collapse

The only way Capitalism finally crashes is if something completely disrupts this Cartesian Plane. Like, comes from outer space. Which is happening, in a way. As you can see from this graph or, like, going outside. The rise of global capitalism *is* the rise of global warming. It’s one and the same. As the IPCC says, “*Economic growth measured by total or individual income growth is a main driver of GHG emissions.*” And yet this is all markets really measure. They might as well be measuring climate change.

As you can see, a market based economy is simply incompatible with a livable planet. You can certainly have markets within socialism or communism (economies planned around human needs). But you cannot have markets taking over everything, as they have been under neoliberal regimes.

You can see the IPCC calling for socialism in its complicated-ass way:

There is a growing realisation that mere monetary value of income growth is insufficient to measure national welfare and individual well-being. Hence, any action towards climate change mitigation is best evaluated against a set of indicators that represent a broader variety of needs to define individual well-being, macroeconomic stability, and planetary health.

How are you going to enforce this ‘set of indicators’? Certainly not by Capitalism alone, which sees only dollars and cents. You need governments that work not for the oligarchs, but for the 99%. And so you get the ripest conditions for revolution. Not the exploitation of workers—which people seem to give a fuck about—but the final resource exploitation of the planet, effectively tipping us into the sun.

Capitalism Reborn

But is even this enough? We know climate collapse is happening *right now*, but oil and coal markets are *still* going up. The fossil fuels companies have known for 40 years, but they never gave a fuck. When a war or crisis impacts fossil fuels, do we cry out for renewables with new urgency? No, we just want lower prices at the pump.

As I have discussed, if you look at the geological record, what we are seeing is not one species dying as much as *another species being born*. We think of Capital as this ‘thing’ that we control, but it is really a symbiote. It takes the blood of labor and the love of lucre to become

its own lifeform. Geologically speaking, this has actually happened before.

3.5 billion years ago, aerobic bacteria started tapping a novel energy source—the sun. They tapped it so hard that their emissions almost turned the whole thing into a snowball. Climate collapse, just the other way round. Then over millions of years they learned to balance the thermostat, and here we are. Do you see where I'm coming from?

We think of Capital as being our slave, but c'mon. Joint stock companies have literally been enslaving people since the 1600s. Wage slavery effects everyone still. Even the wealthy corporate raiders in *Margin Call* keep saying 'do we have a choice?' They don't. None of us do. We're all caught up in the maw of this rising beast, choking on its residue.

Capital, as a species of *artificial* life, is changing the climate, and new species generally don't give a fuck about where they came from. Aerobic bacteria killed off most ancestral bacteria with their emissions, and that previously dominant species had to retreat to deep sea vents and up our butts.

Do you know what we call the toxic, volatile emission that killed anaerobic life off? Oxygen, which we love. It's entirely possible that future generations of Capitalist life will think of carbon dioxide as fun.

Hence it is entirely possible that corporations—relying on a threadbare amount of human labor—could be wandering the Earth in 400 years, an Earth stripped of 90% of lifeforms, and not feel bad about this at all. Do you give a fuck about anaerobic bacteria? In this way, rich peoples feelings have really have a life of their own.

This is why I saw that even as we're nearing what *should* be the final collapse of Capitalism—the collapse of White Empire—even that is not enough. Even as we near the *final-FINAL.docx* of Capitalism—the collapse of the entire climate—even *that is not enough*. Trotsky was right when he said "*there is no crisis which can be, by itself, fatal to capi-*

talism.” He was right without qualification, neither the collapse of European civilization or human civilization is enough.

For human beings to survive, for a human-livable planet to survive, there must be revolution. Overthrowing the neoliberal idea that markets need to eat everything, and harnessing them within socialism for human needs, like eating, and not shitting where we eat.

Every crisis we will face this tumultuous century will provide an *opportunity* greater (re: worse) than any opportunity before. And yet great thinking, great sacrifice, and great actions must still be taken for the wheel to turn. Evolution doesn't help us here, if anything we're being out-evolved. We need actual revolution to turn this thing around.

74. THIS IS HOW THE FUTURE FALLS

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John Gast's 'American Progress', redone by Klee Benally

This is how the future falls, on the weak first, like a predator. On the babies in incubators, the dialysis patients, the disabled, the stateless people of Palestine, the statistics of Congo, and those even more forgotten. Like a predator, the Hegemonster goes for the weak of the herd, and culls. It preys on the poor, on the sick, on the elderly. All the people that motivated the Buddha to find a way out of suffering,

that's precisely who this fake enlightenment heaps suffering upon. This thing we call Western Civilization, this is how it falls. On the weak first, like a predator.

We were told western 'development' was a steed, to carry us forward, but it is, in deed, just a predator. It devours Gaza, while we just gaze on. It digests Congo, without us even noticing. It chews up the planet, inexorably, leaving just bones, plastic, and radioactive undertones. That's how the future falls, on the weak of the herd first, like a Predator drone, but eventually on everything and everyone.

If you were designing an apex predator, atop human prey, you couldn't do much better than the genus industrialization, species military-industrial-complex. These incorporated beasts have a DNA devoted to profit above all, and humans predictably end up underneath, with animals and planet even further down. Anyone cursed to be born on top of oil gets chewed up and spit out. Meanwhile the emissions of the artificial genus choke out all natural species, including us. And we vainly think we're in control. We're just human cogs in corporate cyborgs, if we're lucky. We're at best collaborators and at worst collateral. We are just carbon-based lifeforms at the end of the day, falling prey to those that devour carbon as an energy source. And the end of the day is now.

We are, culturally, at a moment William S. Burroughs called 'naked lunch', "*the frozen moment when everyone sees what is on the end of every fork.*" In those frozen years after COVID-19, we saw the poor, the sick, the disabled, and the entire south get sacrificed to pharmaceutical companies. Artificial patents were more important than real people. We should have known. Now, in the frozen horror since October 7th, we are watching the entire population of Gaza get sacrificed so America can keep its aircraft carrier near the gas station. And so babies, children, women, and men get industrially slaughtered, while the resistance are called terrorists.

But those words don't work anymore. It's a naked lunch now, and their propaganda falls as flat as the apartments and hospitals they level. We can see what's on the menu for our mercantile overlords

and it's *us*. The weakest among us are first on the end of the fork, but we're all on the plate eventually. There's only one Gaza and they can't leave and there's only one Gaia and we're stuck here too. This is the fall and when it falls on you is just a timing difference.

If you haven't felt it yet, just look under your feet, at the crushed people and species your world is collapsing on. You are not immune to their fate. They are you, after all. The weak of the herd get picked off first but the whole herd is careening off a cliff soon enough. We ate all the grass and had way too much gas, and now there's nowhere to go but down.

Spacetime is ultimately one phenomenon and *where* collapse happens is just a matter of *when*, in the long run. If you picture yourself, like a spaceman, falling into a black hole, there is a moment where your feet get stretched out by the massive force of gravity, like a long spaghetti into the abyss. You might look down, curiously, thinking "*how have my feet gotten 1,000 kilometers in front of me?*" but you are your feet, just as we are the world. You are attached to your feet, and the shit underneath, just as we are attached to the meek, and matter we eat. So just as the spaceman's body snaps like a strung-out spaghetti, so snaps our body politic, in parts first, and then in totality. A Black Hole's gravity and White Empire's demand for growth are both exponential functions, and there's only one way they work. At some point, you cross event horizon, into the singularity, and things get fucked up real fast. That point is now.

If you're lucky enough to see collapse on television, just know that you're only looking *forward* in time, like a telescope looks backwards. The White Empire collapses from its proxies and provinces first, but the weight of collapse is deep in the heart of whiteness. Where most of my readers are. My country, Sri Lanka, has already fallen. So has yours. The printed money just allows you to imagine a little longer, but you're just playing Monopoly on the Titanic. Just ask the people in steerage, who are already underwater.

This is how the future falls. Whether you understand it through the metaphor of predators or physics is immaterial. I am just describing

an illusion in illusions when reality will enlighten you soon enough. None of us can know death but, in the end, we *all* do, that's the paradox. When the Buddha saw the suffering of sickness, old age, and death he was just seeing his own future, the future of all things that exist and are reborn. When you see the suffering across the world today, you are just seeing your own future. Life is suffering — the word *dukkha* poorly translated — and the end of 99% of life on Earth is a lot of suffering, all at once. There's no way around it. Time is a flat circle.

This thing we call Western Civilization, this is how it falls. On the poor, on the weak, on the children first, and then finally on us all. We were told it was a steed but, indeed, it was just a **predator**. It picked off the weak of the herd first — babies in incubators, babes in arms, mothers, disabled, elderly — and killed anyone trying to help — doctors, journalists, first responders, UN workers, men in general. And we just watched on, like we had all the time in the world. But we don't.

Both world and time are running out. It's one phenomenon of space-time, one crushing force of entropy, one black hole of White Empire. When we look at what they do to Gaza, we're just staring at our own feet and startling at our own fate. It's just a timing difference. We have all been eaten by the Hegemonster, and it devours everything living, if not with its mouth, then with its toxic farts. To paraphrase Gramsci, the old world is dying and a new world struggles to be born. Now is the time of the Hegemonsters.

75. WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE IN A FALLEN EMPIRE

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The curious thing about history is that it's an utter mystery to the people living in it. If you asked Roman citizens circa 476 how the 'fall' was going they'd be confused. *What fall?* Rome had lumbered on for a century after 395, then split from West to East for another century, and took another thousand to finally 'disappear'. So when did the Roman Empire fall? When did Roman citizens acknowledge it? The fall of any Empire is ultimately a historical call, and people don't live in history. They live in the now, and the news will never tell you. So take it from this random Sri Lankan blogger, an already dead canary in the fossil fuel mine. Stick a fork in this European/American/White Empire. It's done.

The Many Names Of Great Satan

I call this Empire White Empire because — having been colonized by the Portuguese, the Dutch, the British, and now the American — from my perspective, what's the fucking difference? Call it Western Civilization, the West, the Rules-Based Order, Liberal Democracies, pick your poison, it's all killing us. The Great Satan has many names, like Satan himself. This corporate Hegemonster — devouring people and resources for planets — was born in Europe, cannibalized itself

in World War II, but re-formed in America and kept going. As the British loser of World War II, Winston Churchill said (with liberal ellipses):

Even though large tracts of Europe and many old and famous States have fallen or may fall... then our Empire beyond the seas, armed and guarded by the British Fleet, would carry on the struggle, until, in God's good time, the New World, with all its power and might, steps forth to the rescue and the liberation of the Old.

The great myth Britain told itself after World War II was that they won, when in fact they lost to the Americans. The '*Empire beyond the seas*' that Churchill spoke about wasn't theirs, it was America and American hegemony. Britain could keep its shitty food and money laundering operation, but all of the imperial bases and power went to the Americans.

America, in turn, created the myth that they were 'just helping' by occupying the world and not doing what anybody with 800 military bases is obviously doing and, you know, occupying it. Thus the 'New' World, with all its power and might, stepped forth to the *occupation* of the Old. Just as the Roman Empire split from West to East, the White Empire split from East to West and lumbered on. Which roughly brings us up to date.

Barbarians At The Gates

Now the barbarians are at the gates. Just look around. Yemen is blocking imperial 'roads' in the Red Sea, and getting away with it. Iraqis are bombing American bases and getting away with it too. The provinces are literally getting from Empire, and what's an Empire without provinces? Meanwhile the vassal armies of Ukraine and 'Israel' are losing on the battlefield, and what's an Empire without vassals? Nothing at all. That Emperor visibly has no clothes, and no balls.

All the talk about '*defending Western Civilization*' shows that it's already fallen. Arming Ukraine was supposed to 'defend' Western Civiliza-

tion, and now that country is literally amputated and the West lost. Arming 'Israel' is supposed to 'defend' Western Civilization, and people can see that the very concept is genocidal. Meanwhile Europe is being deindustrialized and American life expectancy is going down. Western Civilization increasingly sucks for the people living in it along with the people it's killing. Western Civilization *can't* defend itself and, anyways, who wants to?

Meanwhile people like me — in peripheral provinces like Sri Lanka — feel confident saying that the Empire has no clothes. What's left to this history, besides the misery of living through it? It's already written. You're reading it now.

The Humpty Dance

Historically speaking, barbarians already sacked 'Rome' in 2001, hitting the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and almost the Capitol. Then Donald Trump — the vulgarian inside the gates — sacked the Capitol himself in 2021. The mandate of heaven has obviously been withdrawn. A falling Empire can still create hell on Earth for millions, but all the money printers and little green men, cannot put Humpty together again. As the Digital Underground said in 1990, "*Alright, stop what you're doin' 'cause I'm about to ruin, The image and the style that you're used to.*" And now the literal underground in Palestine is doing it in the only language Empire understands. Violence.

White Empire attacked Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, and now Palestine in a blind rage, but they couldn't *hold* any of these places. They just *'raged, ragged, against the dying of the white,*" to paraphrase Dylan Thomas. Empire was already, as Paul Simon said, slip slidin' away. To paraphrase Rhymin' Simon, "*you know, the more the devastation, the more you're slip slidin' away.*"

Now White Empire has wholly lost Afghanistan, are under attack in Iraq and Syria (Allah help Libya), and Palestine is in a state of open rebellion. Empire is still able to kill aplenty, but they miss the point of killing which is winning and intimidating. America hasn't won a war

in living memory, they're just using the machinery to make blood money. They can't even field their own army anymore, they have to hide behind proxies (ie, vassals). Even their Cold War 'victory' is being unwound, as Russia redraws borders while Empire just *speaks loudly and carries a limp dick*. Empire can still kill lots of people in the news, but historically speaking they're dead. They're losing the provinces, they're losing the 'roads', and — most fatally for any Empire — they're losing face.

China is *already* a richer country. Not in terms of GDP — measured in increasingly unreal US dollars — but in terms of PPP, as is what you can actually do with money. Chinese people live better lives and are able to fund useful infrastructure all over the world. Americans, meanwhile, live like shit and export rubble. Russia is already a bigger and better military. They have more active duty troops and better technology and the ability to produce it. America is sitting there printing money but they can't print bridges or bullets. And the rest of the world is increasingly moving on. You can only lose so many wars and so much money and so much face for so long. Eventually you have to look in the mirror, see that you're broke, broken and just breaking things all around. And that the fear and respect that made you an Empire is simply gone.

As I've said, the Eastern White Empire first fell in World War II, then re-formed in the West. Barbarians sacked the new capital of Capital in 2001 and Empire's wild over-reaction just accelerated the process. Empire started and lost a bunch of wars itself, printed and lost a bunch of money on dumb shit, and found itself militarily exhausted and financially tapped out by 2008. Now they're just a zombie army and a zombie economy, waiting for history to put them out of their misery. They can't make anything and they can't take anything, all they can do is fuck shit up in an impotent fury.

Like a much dumber version of Romans, Americans are still yet to acknowledge that A) they have an Empire that B) it's connected to European Empire and C) that it's dead. I suppose it's a lot to take in. Even if the American incarnation of abomination makes it another

decade (unlikely), in a few decades the whole ecosystem collapses. Soon enough there will be nothing left to fight over, and no more energy to fight with. This is the resource exhaustion that befalls every Empire, though usually on a much smaller scale. Through colonization and then fossil-fuelled globalization, White Empire managed to ruin the whole planet. As the aboriginal philosopher Tyson Yunckaporta says, “*Civilisations are cultures that create cities, communities that consume everything around them and then themselves.*” As he goes on in his book *Sand Talk*:

A city is a community on the arrow of time, an upward-trending arrow demanding perpetual growth. Growth is the engine of the city — if the increase stops, the city falls. Because of this, the local resources are used up quickly and the lands around the city die. The biota is stripped, then the topsoil goes, then the water. It is no accident that the ruins of the world’s oldest civilisations are mostly in deserts now. It wasn’t desert before that. A city tells itself it is a closed system that must decay in order for time to run straight, while simultaneously demanding eternal growth. This means it must outsource its decay for as long as possible.

Rome was a city that conquered the Mediterranean world, jumped from West to East, and then eventually fell over a thousand years. White Empire conquered the whole world through Europe, jumped from East to West, and then fell in a mere century, living fast and dying young. It’s the same process. Empire’s are all indomitable until they’re insolvent, it’s inevitable. If there’s one rule of empire, it’s that all empire’s fall. The center sucks what energy it can out of the provinces, until it loses control of the edges and collapses into a black hole.

We’re living through the fall of an Empire right now, and yet this article might be surprising to you. That’s the curious part about living through history, it’s usually an utter mystery to those in the middle of it. We think we’re *always* the middle of things, but at some point it has to be the end. And believe me — standing on the internet street corner with this cardboard sign and a tip cup — the end is now. I

should carve this in stone and bury it in the garden, to say 'I told you so' when all the servers go down. We are living through the end of White Empire. It was here, it was fucking disastrous, and in short order it and the entire climate it came up in are going down. Historically speaking, it's already done.

76. CRASH OF A CIVILIZATION

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In 1996 Samuel P. Huntington wrote *The Clash of Civilizations*, but it hasn't quite worked out like that. It's more like the crash of one. The question is what made America powerful, and why does it suck now?

This dude Jeffery R. Barnett whittled it down to 14 points which Huntington referenced in his book. As Andrei Martyanov said, *“No person with common sense could deny that, with possibly some minor additions to this list, it is a generally correct framework for identifying the key factors which make a civilization, or a specific nation, strong and, in many cases, dominant.”*

Let's look at the 14 points, and then see how the latest flag-bearer of White Empire is doing now.

THE 14 POINTS OF DOMINATION

1. Owns and operates the international banking system;
2. Controls all hard currencies;
3. Is the world's principal customer;
4. Provides the majority of the world's finished goods;
5. Dominates international capital markets;
6. Exerts considerable moral leadership within many societies;

7. Is capable of massive military intervention;
8. Controls the sea lanes;
9. Conducts most advanced technical research and development;
10. Controls leading-edge technical education;
11. Dominates access to space;
12. Dominates aerospace industry;
13. Dominates international communications;
14. Dominates the high-tech weapons industry.

Even at the time that this was written in 1994, cited in 1996, and recited by Martyanov in 2008, White Empire's power was already fading, point by point. Economically, morally, militarily, and industrially. It was always obvious that this was going to happen. Now it's obviously happening. Let's go through it—if not point by point—chunk by chunk.

A) Money

- 1. Owns and operates the international banking system;*
- 2. Controls all hard currencies;*

America (the latest capital of White Empire) has controlled the international banking system, had the hardest currency, and even forged it into a weapon. Countries like Iran were cut off from the SWIFT messaging system, Venezuela had their gold stolen through the vassal state of the UK, and Afghanistan had its reserves outright stolen.

Empire was able to flex by starving and depriving entire populations but now in 2022 they've picked on someone their own size in Russia, and it's not going well. Empire's attempt to 'reduce the ruble to rubble' has instead hurt its own allies, starved the world's poor, and caused inflation at home.

Biden calls the blowback '*Putin's price hike*' not realizing what a colossal admission of defeat this is. If someone else is hiking *your* prices, what does that say about imperial power. The Emperor has no clothes.

The truth is that it's Biden's price hike, in that he decided to unilaterally sanction Russia without thinking it through. He's imposed huge costs on allies and peasants alike, and many of them are just fucking off from imperial control.

The key wedge state in Imperium is India, the only comparable population to China, and they want no part of these sanctions. India is hoovering up cheap Russian oil and even reselling it back to Europe. China has increased their energy supply even more. Empire is starving its allies while its enemies and frenemies gorge. It's a historic self-own.

Now Russia and China have accelerated their own alternatives to SWIFT and the imperial banking system, countries like Saudi Arabia are trading crude in yuan, and even Europe, the ancestral home of white supremacy, is buying energy with rubles now. The Empire got used to roughing up poor countries, but now they've hit someone resource-rich who doesn't give a fuck. The financial weapon forged by Empire has broken.

B) Stuff

3. *Is the world's principal customer;*
4. *Provides the majority of the world's finished goods;*

The next thing that defines power is what you *do* with money, either buying stuff or investing in production. On both counts, White Empire is fucked. The natural population center is in Asia and things are just regressing to the mean. Global consumption growth increasingly comes from China and Asia which makes sense, that's where the people are.

If everyone ends up consuming as greedily and wastefully as white people we're all dead, but that's another story. Whatever consumption means in terms of power, it's fading from the white world, which will eventually collapse under its own debt and fundamental unproductivity.

As the imperial fuckbois at McKinsey say, *“Asia is on track to top 50% of global GDP by 2040 and drive 40 percent of the world's consumption, representing a real shift in the world's center of gravity.”*

In terms of trade the change of gravity is even more obvious. As the Sichuan rappers Higher Brothers say, *“The alarm that wakes you up — made in China, written on your toothbrush and toothpaste — made in China, put your breakfast in a bowl — made in China.”*

China is increasingly not just the leading trade partner, they export industrialization itself through the Belt & Road. This is not top-down, colonial conditionality but what Chinese scholars call ‘coevolutionary pragmatism’.

Western countries throw stones at this development work, falsely calling them ‘debt traps’. China builds infrastructure while western banks and the IMF keep poor countries trapped in interest payments and forced privatizations for generations. Some of the infrastructure is not productive, but at least it exists, unlike the predatory financialization of western development. China does real work on the ground, building ports and high-speed railways where Empire has sent only bombs.

As a note, I'm mentioning China a lot here, but the point is not that a new Empire is in town. While America was quite directly the heir to British and European imperialism, China has an entirely different culture. Going back to Zheng He in the 1400s, their idea of international relations is very different, less about conquest and domination and almost exclusive trade based. Unlike Europeans, they had most of the shit they wanted and didn't need to rob everyone. Even India influenced all the way through South-East Asia

through religion and scholarship, not conquest. These are different cultures and have to be analyzed as such.

Simply mapping the historical anomaly of white supremacy onto everybody else is incorrect. We're returning to a more multi-polar world, of which China is just the biggest point in a multi-polar world.

C) Capital

5. Dominates international capital markets;

One place western capitalism still dominates is capital markets, but capital markets are the most ephemeral power of all.

The point is really what you deploy that capital to do, and America doesn't manufacture things or produce effective weapons anymore. It's all stock buybacks, companies that don't make money, and fucking ape JPEGs now. As Martyanov said:

The financial balance sheet killed manufacturing planning and impeded the retention and development of real manufacturing skills required for true national greatness. There is no national greatness without the ability to build complex machines and weapons. The crucial lesson of WWII that real military power must rest on the solid foundation of a real economy was also forgotten.

D) Morality/Mendacity

6. Exerts considerable moral leadership within many societies;

Moral leadership for an Empire is basically just lying convincingly. After all the torture and invasions, after Donald Trump, after getting

publically decimated by COVID-19, after countless school shootings, America has no moral leadership left at all. People still talk about American values, but the global majority knows that they're worthless.

I won't give you graphs or data here. Let me just say that *I* used to believe in America's bullshit and now I don't. This is a realization that has dawned across most of the world not because of morality, which can be convincingly lied about, but material concerns, which are harder to conceal. Whatever America is doing it seemed to work and be at least headed in some idealistic direction, but now it just looks like a clown car, careening off a cliff.

E) Military

7. *Is capable of massive military intervention;*
8. *Controls the sea lanes;*

With its genocidal wars on the Middle East—killing millions and displacing tens of millions—America showed that it was capable of military *intervention* but by 2022 these have all turned to losses. As this guy Patrick Armstrong said (via Martyanov), “*I can't get two questions out of my mind: When was the last time the USA won a war? When was the last time US-trained troops fought effectively?*”

America can certainly start wars and certainly kill people and devastate poor nations, but it cannot win. It has suffered ignominious defeat after defeat since Vietnam. Even the elder Bush's 'victory' in Iraq was brutally undone by his son. As Martyanov said, “*where are the tangible results in what throughout human history has served as the most important test of power: victories in wars?*”

Even in regards to control of the seas, America doesn't even aspire to it anymore. As published on the [US Naval Institute](#):

The Navy recently shifted its focus from command of the sea to local sea control. In 2015, Admiral Thomas Rowden introduced distributed

lethality, a concept he deemed “the motive force behind offensive sea control.” He made the focus of the 2016 Surface Warfare Flag Officer Training Symposium a “Return to Sea Control,” and said in 2017 that while command of the sea is a useful term for historical analyses, it is “less useful in modern parlance.”

America still has over 800 military bases, a huge Navy, and sails warships through the Taiwan Strait at will, but all this somehow doesn't equal naval supremacy. And the fact is that command of the seas still isn't enough. You ultimately have to be able to land men, take strategic objectives, and hold on to territory. And America sucks at this. They get chased out by poor people with improvised weapons, they simply can't stand against a modern army, as Russia has shown.

For all the noise they make about Ukraine, NATO has not taken the field, they just stand on the sidelines yelling and offering weapons. It'd be one thing to shut up and try to negotiate a quiet peace, but making a loud show of war and not taking the field isn't a show of dominance. It's a show of impotence, and that's not a good look for Empire at all.

F) Science and Technology

- 9. Conducts most advanced technical research and development;*
- 10. Controls leading-edge technical education;*
- 11. Dominates access to space;*
- 12. Dominates aerospace industry;*
- 13. Dominates international communications;*
- 14. Dominates the high-tech weapons industry.*

I'm lumping a lot of stuff together at the end because I'm tired of writing this and you must be tired of reading.

- In terms of technical research and development, China has led the world in patents for years now, and the United States lags even ‘developing’ countries in science and math education, and even basic literacy.
- China has launched whole-ass space stations, Russia continues its space program unabated, and India launches highly cost-effective probes to Mars. All while America is launching billionaires into space for fun.
- China has built and deployed 5G technology across the world while Americans spread conspiracy theories about it. Even the most popular social network is Chinese now (TikTok) while America struggles to keep its own social networks from destabilizing its own government.
- While Russia and China have built effective and cheap military technology, America produces wildly expensive boondoggles like the Joint Strike Program that take decades to develop and then crash into the ocean. Hell, even the Taliban could chase them out with improvised weapons and time.

Hence on all the signs of what makes a civilization dominant, White Empire looks completely fucked.

Crash Of A Civilization

Even in the heady 90s, Huntington said *“gradual, inexorable, and fundamental changes are also occurring in the balances of power among civilizations, and the power of the West relative to that of other civilizations will continue to decline.”*

Today those gradual changes have become sudden. As the saying goes, there are decades where nothing happens, and weeks where decades happen, and we’re having a lot of weeks like that now.

First, a plague ravaged the Empire, then their Capitol was sacked by barbarians, then Russia exposed their military and financial might as

impotent. These are not survivable losses for an Empire. The mandate of heaven is obviously withdrawn.

The Empire rage, rages against the dying of the White, but it's inexorable now. The country is one election cycle away from complete implosion. And so the rest of the world inherits a ruined Earth, completely wrecked after centuries of colonial empire, passed as it was from the Europeans to the British to the Americans.

It's not that some other civilization is taking White Empire down. These fuckers killed themselves, and they're taking 90% of life on Earth with them. There's no clash of civilizations here. Just the spectacular crash of one.

77.DELAY, DIVERSIFY, DESTROY

NOVEMBER 2022

I think, not infrequently, about how we *never* got a public COVID-19 vaccine. US President Joe Biden announced something and public pressure let up, but it just never fucking happened. It was just a delaying tactic, and it worked.

Then I think about how an unelected brown man from the Goldman Sachs caste is running the UK and an African-American is bombing Africa for America, and it all comes full circle. They're *diversifying* this dumpster fire rather than putting it out.

Then I think where it all ends. With a rainbow capitalism full of false promises, leading to the heat death of life as we know it. Delay, diversify, destroy. It's the new divide and conquer and gods damn it, it works.

Delay

Elites are now flying their private jets to COP27, which is just a farcical cop-out at this point. More pledges, more promises, more pleading, which all amount to one thing. More delay. Emissions have risen every single year since the first COP. It's a joke. The primacy of words over action in western civilization means that they talk

everyone (literally) to death about climate change while consistently making it worse.

Every pledge, every promise, even all the data and projections, they all just amount to *delays*. The truth is they had all the data they needed in the 1970s, and the more advanced civilizations they genocided had figured out balance centuries ago. At this point, climate delay is *worse* than climate denial. At least the latter fuckers can be spotted and opposed. The delayers hide behind liberal platitudes and are slippery as eels. They'll be talking about 20-year commitments until they die, and take the whole world with them.

Diversification

The great innovation of capitalism and of the whiteness that is its hierarchy has been devouring its rebellions. Whiteness always worked as a way of homogenizing warring West Asian tribes and turning their violence and brutality against the world. Whiteness has always been an expanding category, slowly admitting Irish, Italians, and now Ukrainians and upper-caste Indians.

Just as the whole system collapses into a heap (next section), colored people, women, and gays are getting the wheel. Just in time to take the blame. The dung heap of tech companies is increasingly run by brown people (Microsoft, Google, Twitter for now at least). A brown/black person is Vice-President of the US, a brown person is PM of the UK, and the US Secretary of War is black too. But what are they doing? Same old shit. Just as they greenwash capitalism, they've brownwashed imperialism. But it's still causing the same problems. It's still leading the same way.

Disaster

The fact is that the violent, extractive systems which produced such wealth for a few people are not sustainable. The entire 'western development' model is the extraction of wealth from everybody else in spacetime and that physical debt is coming due. Switching to elec-

tric cars doesn't change the system. Switching to a brown PM doesn't change the system. The system persists, and is bound for systemic collapse.

You can't have infinite growth on a finite planet. It's just mathematically impossible. Capitalism remains incompatible with a stable climate, however much you keep repeating the mantra 'sustainability'. In the same way, you can't diversify the hierarchy of whiteness into anything other than it is now. A system of exploitation with certain people at the top and certain people *necessarily* at the bottom, making all the shit and cleaning up.

What we are sailing into is a *system* collapse and it's A) unavoidable and B) won't even be mitigated without at least a controlled collapse of the human systems causing it. That means the complete breakdown of things you probably hold dear, like liberal democracy, and getting products you want whenever you want them, and the general comfort of the global upper classes. That comfort is what *causes* collapse, and it's honestly an evolutionary tale as old as time.

The fact is that systems like capitalism and imperialism are like any organism. They try to *adapt* to change by making little tweaks, a color change here, a breathing hole there, anything to survive without being something they're not. But nature periodically, nay, *regularly* just kills the shit out of everybody and starts over with some other roll of the evolutionary dice. She's not an editor, she freestyles, and when one rhyme gets boring she just starts over.

Delay, diversify, and destroy works fine on us in the present moment because *we want it to work*. We want to have our cake and eat it too. We want to have comfortable private transport despite it being dramatically less efficient than public, so we collectively delude ourselves into thinking electric cars are a solution. We want to have power and privilege, so we wait our turn for whiteness instead of overthrowing the whole thing. So we meet our fate on the path we take to avoid it, because we missed the point of *turning the fuck around*. Because we can't turn around at a very high level.

And so we just keep burning the dead and increasing imaginary numbers until the whole thing falls down. Delay and diversify are quite effective in the short term, but as Keynes said, “*in the long run we are all dead*”. This is really how the old and rich approach climate collapse, basically ‘fuck it, just make money until we die in 30 years,’ which is conveniently the horizon for climate pledges).

In the slightly longer run, 90% of species are dead and their own grandchildren are fucked, but who cares. Delay and diversify are really just holding tactics against a restive population, allowing the guilty few to die peacefully and leave us with their mess. We’ve seen their playbook with the profiteering from COVID-19. They’re just going to do the same with climate collapse. This Empire was *always* built around raping people and the planet, and that’s how it goes down as well. It took the South down for centuries without too much notice, but now it’s coming for everyone. Divide and conquer was the old playbook, and now it’s delay and diversify. It’s always the same old destruction at the end.

78.HOW I LIVED THROUGH THE END OF HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 2021

I grew up in America at the end of history, in the 1990s. The Cold War was over, Vietnam was past. Civil Rights were won and World War II was long gone. Nobody even remembered the last pandemic. America had won or at least survived it all. Last man standing, the last man of history. Francis Fukuyama called it *The End Of History* and it really felt like that. I was there and it was fucking boring. We lit fires and did drugs to pass the time.

In just 30 years, however, history has violently restarted and America has lost the plot. America has started *another* Cold War and lost *another* 19-year quagmire in Afghanistan. Somehow Civil Rights have been lost and Nazis have overrun the Capitol. Nobody remembers anything *but* pandemic. We're only at the end of history in the sense that capitalism has ravaged the planet. Now my children are growing up at the end of the world.

What the fuck were we thinking? What the hell happened? How did things collapse so fast? The American empire rose and fell in just one generation. Mine.

The End Of History

Fukuyama's essay really captures how people thought at the time. Writing even *before* the Soviet Union fell, he captured the sense that liberalism (democracy + capitalism) was the only ideology left. Indeed, that it was the best idea *ever*.

The triumph of the West, of the Western idea, is evident first of all in the total exhaustion of viable systematic alternatives to Western liberalism. In the past decade, there have been unmistakable changes in the intellectual climate of the world's two largest communist countries, and the beginnings of significant reform movements in both. But this phenomenon extends beyond high politics and it can be seen also in the ineluctable spread of consumerist Western culture in such diverse contexts as the peasants' markets and color television sets now omnipresent throughout China, the cooperative restaurants and clothing stores opened in the past year in Moscow, the Beethoven piped into Japanese department stores, and the rock music enjoyed alike in Prague, Rangoon, and Tehran.

I was an immigrant growing up in suburban Ohio and it really felt like this. There was just so much *stuff* in America, and such beautiful words in its story. They were obviously doing something right, the supermarket was so big that Thatha warned us to not get lost. Especially after the USSR fell (allegedly also in awe of American supermarkets) everyone seemed to follow along. Sri Lanka, India, China, everybody was literally *liberalizing*.

What Fukuyama calls *liberalism* was the last ideology standing, and he confidently declared it the victor of history. Liberalism was the final Super Saiyan form of governance, the best and the baddest, no further transformations could occur. Fukuyama said,

What we may be witnessing is not just the end of the Cold War, or the passing of a particular period of postwar history, but the end of history as such: that is, the end point of mankind's ideological evolution and the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government.

To Fukuyama, the end of history actually dated from 1806, when white people discovered this shit. If they ended up informing everyone through genocide, slavery, and exploitation, well, *you're welcome.*

While there was considerable work to be done after 1806—abolishing slavery and the slave trade, extending the franchise to workers, women, blacks, and other racial minorities, etc.—the basic principles of the liberal democratic state could not be improved upon. The two world wars in this century and their attendant revolutions and upheavals simply had the effect of extending those principles spatially, such that the various provinces of human civilization were brought up to the level of its most advanced outposts, and of forcing those societies in Europe and North America at the vanguard of civilization to implement their liberalism more fully...

To say that history ended in 1806 meant that mankind's ideological evolution ended in the ideals of the French or American Revolutions: while particular regimes in the real world might not implement these ideals fully, their theoretical truth is absolute and could not be improved upon. Hence it did not matter to Kojève that the consciousness of the postwar generation of Europeans had not been universalized throughout the world; if ideological development had in fact ended, the homogenous state would eventually become victorious throughout the material world.

It's tempting to dunk on Fukuyama for hubris, but he's *describing* actual western thought, not inventing it. When Fukuyama says "*that the basic principles of the liberal democratic state could not be improved upon*" he's just stating the actual basis of western foreign policy. The West really thinks it's doing people a favor by bombing and besieging them. They're *civilizing them*. It's not conquest, really, they're just '*extending our principles spatially*'.

He's also stating the actual basis of international development. Rich, white countries are called 'developed' (as in done) and everyone else is just 'developing' to be like them. If they need to be couped and sanctioned to help them along, so be it. In the long run, it's all for the best. Just helping backwards outposts along to the end of history.

Of course, what Fukuyama is saying isn't even especially original. The entire premise of colonialism is that Europe was a superior civilization. Everyone else were just savages, who should be thankful for the *civilizing mission*. The premise of white supremacy is white supremacy. Fukuyama was just modernizing the old imperial hubris and stating it out loud.

When Fukuyama says *his* empire is the best ever, you have to understand that **every empire says that**. No Egyptian priest was like "*you know, Ra is great, but there must be bigger suns.*" Fuck no. Every empire is the greatest, the best, none shall surpass. Every empire wears the same sneer of cold command, and they all end up in the dust like old Ozy'mandem. As the Shelley poem goes,

*And on the pedestal, these words appear:
"My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;
Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!"
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.*

Empires have been standing athwart history yelling STOP ever since

there were empires or history, and history keeps patiently kicking them in the balls. America actually got theirs in record time.

But first, I believed.

The American Faith

I was maybe 14 in the mid-90s when my whole class piled into buses and drove to Washington DC. We were visiting the temples of democracy, where they keep the faith.

DC is full of Roman-style monuments and giant phalluses housing the spirits of Lincoln, Jefferson, and Lord Washington himself. We visited these holy sites then we went to the Hard Rock Cafe. That juxtaposition is important. It's actually Fukuyama's whole thesis.

The Lincoln Memorial and *a cheeseburger*. The National Mall and *a shopping mall*. That was the religion of American empire, liberal democracy wedded to capitalism. Fukuyama called liberalism a "*state of consciousness... underwritten by the abundance of a modern free market economy.*" That's what I viscerally experienced in Washington DC.

I visited the theatre where Lincoln was martyred and then took communion with an overpriced cheeseburger next door. It wasn't a civics lesson, *it was a religious experience*. Fukuyama quite openly describes the end of history this way, as a state of consciousness, as an act of faith, except with works. He said liberalism was like believing in the Holy Trinity or holy cows, only better.

And in fact men have proven themselves able to endure the most extreme material hardships in the name of ideas that exist in the realm of the spirit alone, be it the divinity of cows or the nature of the Holy Trinity.

But while man's very perception of the material world is shaped by his historical consciousness of it, the material world can clearly affect in return the viability of a particular state of

consciousness. In particular, the spectacular abundance of advanced liberal economies and the infinitely diverse consumer culture made possible by them seem to both foster and preserve liberalism in the political sphere. I want to avoid the materialist determinism that says that liberal economics inevitably produces liberal politics, because I believe that both economics and politics presuppose an autonomous prior state of consciousness that makes them possible. But that state of consciousness that permits the growth of liberalism seems to stabilize in the way one would expect at the end of history if it is underwritten by the abundance of a modern free market economy. We might summarize the content of the universal homogenous state as liberal democracy in the political sphere combined with easy access to VCRs and stereos in the economic.

While Christianity promised eternal life, capitalism gave you life abundantly *right now*. Jesus multiplied loaves and fishes in the past, but McDonald's was serving Filet-O-Fish *right now*. I worked at McDonald's when I was 14, I saw it happen before my eyes. The food just appeared in cardboard boxes, we fried it, and money came out. Whatever dark magic the Americans were doing, it worked. Just look at all the *stuff*.

So I believed. How could I not believe? Capitalism wrought miracles every day. So I pledged allegiance to the flag and bought Tommy Hilfiger. I went to the 4th of July and ate red, white, and blue pop-sicles in the summer sun. When Fukuyama described the *universal homogenous state* he was describing where I lived, a suburban cul-de-sac at the end of history. He said,

We might summarize the content of the universal homogenous state as liberal democracy in the political sphere combined with easy access to VCRs and stereos in the economic.

You have to understand that this really how I grew up. I read social studies and then the Crutchfield stereo catalog at break. We were rich

because we were free, we were free because we were rich. This wasn't a promise, in my rich, segregated town this was reality. As Fukuyama said about fascism, the ultimate proof of any ideology was not its morality but its material success. I was living in a material world and the Madonna, in this religion, was a material girl.

The End Of The End Of History

The end of history will be a very sad time. The struggle for recognition, the willingness to risk one's life for a purely abstract goal, the worldwide ideological struggle that called forth daring, courage, imagination, and idealism, will be replaced by economic calculation, the endless solving of technical problems, environmental concerns, and the satisfaction of sophisticated consumer demands. In the post-historical period there will be neither art nor philosophy, just the perpetual caretaking of the museum of human history. I can feel in myself, and see in others around me, a powerful nostalgia for the time when history existed. Such nostalgia, in fact, will continue to fuel competition and conflict even in the post-historical world for some time to come. Even though I recognize its inevitability, I have the most ambivalent feelings for the civilization that has been created in Europe since 1945, with its north Atlantic and Asian offshoots. Perhaps this very prospect of centuries of boredom at the end of history will serve to get history started once again.

I left America in 2000 because, as Fukuyama says, the end of history was fucking boring. I was taught that freedom was discovered by the founders, saved by the Civil War, and finally delivered by the Civil Rights Movement. American history was done, and where was the fun in that? I went to Canada first, where an 18-year old could at least drink at the end of history, and then back in time to Sri Lanka.

But I never thought that American empire would end. I never thought my liberal faith could be wrong. In fact, that's only dawned on me now, with *gestures at everything*. The people inside an empire can't really date when it falls. As Eleanor Janega said, *"If you asked a Roman on the street what they thought about the fall, they probably wouldn't understand."*

History, I think, will date the collapse of America to 2001. When its temples of power were desecrated, when it lashed out in violent anger, and began collapsing into inequality, disease, and fascism. It was supposed to be the American century, but they only made it 9 months.

In September, Bin Laden kicked America in its financial and military nuts, hitting the World Trade Center and Pentagon. He missed the US Capitol, but in 2021 Americans attacked that themselves. No empire can survive such symbolic destruction. It's like Babylon losing the statue of Marduk. Power is the *appearance* of power, empire can't get hit in all the family jewels and survive.

20 years later, the American military has now lost multiple wars, their finance industry has collapsed, and their government has failed over and over again, most notably against a pandemic. The entire world is on fire, flooding, and dying from manmade climate change. Liberal capitalism was the end of history only in the literal sense that it ends the world.

Fukuyama said that *"what destroyed fascism as an idea was not universal moral revulsion against it, since plenty of people were willing to endorse the idea as long as it seemed the wave of the future, but its lack of success."* Well, look at America now. Not fucking successful. America's temples are defiled, its people are impoverished and defiant, its military humiliated and defeated. Success has turned to failure in just one generation, mine.

And so the end of history ends. History restarts again. People are dusting off communism, fascism, coming up with who knows what ideology next. Fukuyama said this moment might come after

centuries of boredom, but it's all rushing back in terror. We have little to no time until the end of history becomes a prophecy, until liberalism becomes an apocalyptic death cult, until western hubris destroys the Earth. As the curse goes, we live in interesting times.

So welcome back to history, my friends. Any ideas?

I INITIALLY HATE-READ the essay The End Of History, but I respect it now. You should read it yourself. Fukuyama does us a service by coming out and stating, clearly, the logic of empire. I dunno if he even agrees with it (he says he's ambivalent) but what he writes is descriptive more than prescriptive. This is really how empire thought and thinks, shorn of the 'aw shucks' bullshit. It really is a peek inside the mind of Leviathan, the logic of the empire in which we all live.

79.HOW COVID IS CAUSE FOR REVOLUTION

DECEMBER 2021

We didn't just lose to COVID, we were sold out. The beings that sold us out will keep selling until the entire Earth is a hot flooded hell, and COVID is an almost pleasant memory. So before we get to what, we must get to who. It was the White Empire that sold us out, the unnamed, inchoate empire that we all live in today.

Who is the White Empire? Broadly it's the US, Canada, Europe, UK, Australia, New Zealand, and their lackeys like Japan. The same colonial fuckers who literally sold human beings for centuries. They sold us all out again, and they'll keep doing it until we end their reign.

COVID was a preventable tragedy, because if the White Empire had acted like human beings, millions of people would be living today. You don't have to go far to find another example, just the first place COVID was detected and sequenced.

China eliminated COVID *without vaccines*, by basic testing, tracing, isolating, and giving a fuck. Much poorer countries like Rwanda did much the same. If we had united as human beings, we could have got hands around this thing. But the White Empire isn't human, it primarily serves corporate beings, and all they cared about was their deity, The Economy.

The farce is that COVID could have been slowed with vaccines, but the White Empire willfully fucked up that opportunity. When China, India, South Africa, *et al* tried to mount a global effort last year, but the White Empire **blocked** them. They chose private profit over public health and snatched defeat from the jaws as victory.

This is the inhuman Empire we live under, and it's gone too long without a name. An Empire so craven it doesn't even put up a fight. An Empire so greedy it values patents more than rights. This is an Empire so empty you can only call it White.

The concept of beating a virus was literally foreign to the White Empire. "What are we? A bunch of ASIANS?"

Selling Out The Human Race

Defeating a shared human threat is alien to the world of share capital, especially one where health is an 'industry'. There's more money in losing. There's more profit in being sick. This threat was just another opportunity to do the only thing that matters to these corporate fuckbois. Make money. And so they have. This isn't some new outrage. This is business as usual. Has been for hundreds of years.

The first share markets were for colonial companies, and they were always trading in human lives. It was colored lives, however, so y'all didn't care. Now it's happening to you. Just as the VoC and Mississippi Company became the largest companies in history through colonial rape (and plain old fraud), Pfizer, Moderna, and the drug companies have gotten royal monopolies and made a royal killing. They're even using the same colonial tactics.

From the VoC to Pfizer, it's always been **divide and conquer**, and it still works. They paid off corrupt rulers, got vaccine monopolies enforced by royal militaries, and divided the world up amongst themselves. Vaccine apartheid for the Global South, and divide and conquer the idiots in the North. Now the official government line inside places like America is that if you're not vaccinated it's your fault, the pandemic is your fault, and you can just fuck off and die.

Of course, not vaccinated people include most of the world's poor *and even their own children*. That's how craven and evil these sell-outs are, but again it's nothing new. Enslavers used to *sell their own children*, borne of rape. Of course modern exploiters are selling their own children out. It's just the same shit, different century.

It's important to understand how this all started in colonialism *because we're still there*. Colonialism never fucking ended, it just went into the cloud, it just colonized the air. Stock markets began *for* colonialism and they're soaring with capitalism. It's the same thing. We in the Dirty South have known this for centuries. Now it's happening to you.

Chickens have come home to roost, and the White Empire got worse than chickenpox. They got COVID-∞.

A New Hope

The White Empire has been doing dirty in the South for centuries, but now chickens have come home to roost. We've known that they'll famine us for profit, but now everyone is dying for their bottom line, even people in the heart of Empire. The immortal corporate beings that run the place are getting as fat as ever simply do not care. We are all just human capital stocks to them, and their only message for us is get back to work or die.

Hence we are not going to fight COVID-19, or climate change, or any existential human crises through this White Empire that doesn't give a fuck about human beings. Rich people will *happily* sell out the rest of humanity for trinkets like yachts and made-up computer money. Corporate beings will continue to profit and live quite happily on an Earth uninhabitable for most human beings.

We cannot find any solution *thru* this Empire. We have to tear the motherfucker down. The fact is that it wasn't enough to decolonize a few countries in the Global South. These bastards took to the cloud and colonized the very air. We have to follow them home and over-

throw White Empire everywhere. We have to take our power as the global majority, and revolt globally.

Will this happen now? I don't know, but this pandemic is just the first of challenges to come. The Earth is revolting against our very presence, and it will overthrow us all quite violently. General strikes, general non-cooperation and violent revolution are needed right now, and they will become self-emergent properties in time.

The White Empire sold us out before, they have sold us out to COVID, they're selling us out to climate collapse, and they'll keep selling as long as there's anything left to sell. Quite frankly, it's us or them. For all of our interconnected problems, international revolution is now the only way.

80. THE FLOWERS OF WRATH

SEPTEMBER 2022

The actual western development model is to steal from the rest of the world, which obviously isn't going to work for the rest of the world. So they made some shit up about a development model which *they never followed* and used it to gaslight us into another century of exploitation.

The actual western environmental model is to steal from the future, which obviously isn't going to work for the future. So they make some shit up about a 'green' capitalism *which isn't possible* and are using it for another few decades of degradation more.

The actual enemy is, of course, *them*, the people that have invaded multiple countries, couped innumerable, dropped nuclear bombs on civilians, tortured quite publicly, and even impoverish their own people. But these oligarchs hide in plain sight, their reputations laundered by expensive universities and presses and think tanks. The governments they bought get branded as *democracies* and any alternative is *autocracy* to be feared, sanctioned, and ideally bombed.

The actual enemy is actually within, because we let this shit happen, just as my people let colonialism happen, because *we like the stuff* and we'll sell out our poor neighbors to get it, even if it kills even us in the long run.

Indeed the actual enemy is *no one* because we actually have no control as a species, even our wiser indigenous cultures genocided megafauna as we spread across the continent, and even the arrogantly named *homo sapiens* seemed to kill the other conversational species of *homo*. The past few centuries of industrialized genocide have certainly been a crescendo of destruction, but geologically speaking, not an entirely different song.

Then, however, you have to unwind this train of thought to understand the contradiction that while you cannot change anything and while you cannot ultimately blame anyone in particular you must still fulfill your *dharma*. Like Krishna explaining to Arjuna why he must fight even his relatives, it is yet our duty to fight western civilization for all we're worth. Because understanding our insignificant place in the world is not a call to do nothing, it is simply a call to fulfill your *role*.

People often ask me what I think they should do, what we should do, and it's a very question. So good that I don't have an answer. I honestly feel ashamed when anyone asks me, like the first time I went to temple as an adult and *took* the temple flowers people were asking me to bless instead of just waving my hands over them and letting them pass on. I'll answer it anyway because I'm a hopeless *pandit* like that. Such is my role.

I think we need to overthrow everything that passes for a 'rules-based' order these days, American hegemony, the entire White Empire they preside over (from Europe to Australia) and all of their vassals. I think there has to be, essentially, communist revolution all over the world and power *taken* by the global majority and the poor. And while non-violence is certainly a strong weapon in this fight, it's not the only one. I think violent revolution is called for not by me but just by reality. Read history. See the color ink it's written in. There will be blood.

People often ask me how I reconcile this with my (primary) religion of Buddhism, and the answer is that *I'm a bad Buddhist*. And I'm certainly not on track to be a Buddha. Even the Buddha we know

went through hundreds of lives before getting peaceful. I'm nowhere near that. Indeed, I'm not even trying. I'm not a stream-enterer, I'm just watching from the bank, like I watch everything else.

What I'm saying is not a recommendation, it's an *observation*. Historical forces are already brewing, I'm merely the whistle on an already bubbling pot. The White Empire is quite assiduously destroying itself, provoking bigger and bigger powers, practically begging for another World War. Its ruling oligarchs are imposing more and more suffering on everyone, leading to a hotbed of demand for *something else*. The ruling class is simply ignoring non-violent protest, so people will inevitably get violent to get their demands heard, in the only language power really understands.

These are all the *ingredients* for huge, bloody, historical change on the scale of well, this exact time last century, but what really turns up the heat is that *the heat is literally turning up*. What we face—and what we didn't face last century—is that the climate gods themselves are angry and things around about get geologically fucked up. This is an observation I hesitate to make because it seems impossible even to me, but going by all of these conditions, we are sailing into a period of historical fuckery *worse* than last century, and last century was *bad*. I shudder.

This is the same song I sing all the time, and I wonder if it's boring, but honestly it's been the same story for millennia, not a few blog posts. The Hindu pantheon is full of evil rising and good (violently) rising up to defeat it. Then it zooms out to show how everyone is trapped by their dharma and how the shit just cycles and good and evil are largely meaningless. The Buddha showed a way out of this churning just as Jesus promised to speak with his father, but most of us don't actually want to go. We still think there's a way out. For us. For the species. For the planet.

Whenever I write something for another publication they always ask me to end on a hopeful note and it's something I try to avoid doing. Hope is the mind-killer. Just as much as fear. The truth is that we are each going to die, everyone we love is going to die, the species as we

know it will certainly wither and writhe, and the planet itself will eventually be destroyed. It's all a matter of time, and hope is just a postcard from a parallel universe. Nice place to visit, but you can't live there. You live here, and life is suffering.

Nobody wants to hear that and, indeed, even I don't believe it as I write it. In the South, we just want to get our own appliances and own cars and live like the colonizers. In the heart of the Empire, they just want to switch to *electric* appliances and *electric* cars and carry on like before. None of this is remotely possible, but the alternative is even more impossible. Overthrow our governments and upend the world? Who wants to *start* that? I totally understand having drinks and playing music as the Titanic went down. It's a perfectly reasonable reaction. Honestly, cheers, carry on.

There are no answers here in this blog post, or hope at the end of it. I still think it's worth pointing out the great evil in the West cause people still think they're the heroes, and I think it's worth quoting esoteric knowledge because it's interesting, and I certainly think it's worth girding your loins because shit is about to get really real. But I have nothing to offer you to tie these thoughts up in a bow. Increasingly I just find meaning in the meaningless, so that's all I can leave you with.

Today in the encroaching winter I saw purple flowers poking out of the ground. Pointlessly, hopelessly, but there they were. They're certainly going to die—it's fucking freezing—but they're alive and my children ran out to pick some and give to their mother. What does this mean? What does it have to do with anything? I don't know. I was there. I saw. That's all I have to offer you. Just touch these flowers and let them pass on.

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